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BRITISH WARNING NOTE TO YUGOSLAVIA OF NO EFFECT

GRAVE ITALIAN LOSSES

Artillery activity was lively on both sides in Albania yesterday.

"Several enemy batteries were silenced," says a Greek Press Ministry statement and the Athen Radio last night.

"In the region of Apos and the Apos River in the Central sector, the Italian launched a local attack which met with heavy fire from our lines before it could develop. The Italians again suffered extremely heavy casualties."

Information given by Italian prisoners confirms that General Cavallero has ceased to command the Italian Army in Albania and that General Geloso is the new Commander-in-Chief.

The prisoners also state that the Second Regiment of the Bersaglieri was badly smashed up in the battle of Klissura, losing more than fifty per cent. of its effectives. A battalion of 800 Alpine troops was left with only two officers and eighty men. — Reuter.

RECORDS SHATTERED

Shattering all records for passage of legislation, the United States Senate passed the Bill authorising the appropriation of \$7,000,000,000 to implement the Lease and Lend Act for aiding the Democracies.

After only half an hour of unexciting debate, the Bill was passed by 67 votes to nine.

No change was made and so the Act remains in the same form as it passed last week by the House of Representatives. It now awaits the President's signature.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON MALTA

LARGE FORMATIONS OF GERMAN BOMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY FIGHTERS, PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON MALTA ON SUNDAY, AND THIRTEEN OF THEIR PLANES WERE DESTROYED, STATES AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED IN CAIRO. LITTLE DAMAGE WAS DONE DURING THE RAID.—REUTER.

To Sign Pact With Axis Against Country's Wishes

ALTHOUGH INTIMATIONS FROM BELGRADE SUGGEST THAT THE GESTURE IS TOO LATE AND THAT YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SURRENDER TO GERMAN PRESSURE AGAINST THE VIGOROUSLY EXPRESSED POPULAR FEELING IN THE COUNTRY, THE BRITISH MINISTER IN BELGRADE, ON INSTRUCTIONS, YESTERDAY HANDED A NOTE TO THE YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT.

MOSCOW AND ANKARA AFFIRM FRIENDSHIP

It is confirmed in Moscow that the Turkish Government has handed the Soviet Government a Note through the Turkish Ambassador in Moscow, giving assurances similar to those which, it is also confirmed, were recently given by Russia to Turkey.

It is possible that the Notes will be published in both capitals simultaneously. — Reuter.

Pro-Nazi In Charge Of Radio

Reports reaching London from Belgrade state that the Board of Directors of the Belgrade Radio Station has been dissolved by order of the Government and a State Commissar installed.

He is stated to be M. Jovanovitch, formerly Chief Censor, and known for his Pro-German tendencies.

Recently, Belgrade Radio has

Sir Ronald Campbell's instructions came from Mr. Anthony Eden in Cairo, and it is understood there that the British Note was in the nature of a last moment appeal — and a warning.

The Note states the British attitude once again in clear terms and appeals to the Yugoslav Government not to betray Yugoslavia's past in the face of rising public opinion.

British official circles in Cairo comment that the British Government has repeatedly made it clear that were Yugoslavia to follow the example of Rumania and Bulgaria, she would do herself mortal injury and that, in no circumstances, could they condone the signature of any agreement which would inevitably range Yugoslavia beside Germany and Italy.

It seems doubtful whether the Note will have any effect.

It was freely predicted in well-informed quarters in Belgrade last night that the pact with the Axis would be signed in Vienna to-day (Tuesday) and the Premier and Foreign Minister were expected to leave last night.

They were received by the Regent, Prince Paul, late on Sunday night, and the British Note was handed to the Government by Sir Ronald Campbell yesterday morning.

Vichy Report

According to the Vichy-controlled Lyons Radio, the pact which the Yugoslav Government has apparently agreed to sign will be similar to the Pacts with the other minor Axis Powers, with the exception of Paragraph Five dealing with the passage of German troops through the country. This, it is believed, is eliminated from the Yugoslavia documents of adherence.

The Greeks have had a comment to make on the developments.

been giving patriotic programmes which have stimulated the spirit of resistance of the public to the Government's policy of concessions to Germany.

HONGKONG POLICE MURDER SHOCK

A Shantung Police constable, No. 187, Wong Teh-shing, attached to Gough Hill Police Station, was found dead at noon yesterday on the hillside near Kotewall Road, with a stab wound in the neck and the left side of his face mutilated.

It is stated that information had been received by the Police that a large number of persons were cutting trees in the vicinity at about 11 a.m. yesterday.

The deceased, together with Sgt. Willerton, was sent to the spot. Near Po Shan Road, Sgt. Willerton separated from the deceased.

The constable was not seen again until noon when Sgt. Willerton discovered the body.

Greek Protest

Referring to the report that Yugoslavia's pact agrees to the transport of war materials across Yugoslavian territory, the Greek Press Minister in a statement

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KEYNOTE OF THE NEW PEACE

Mr. Wendell Willkie Speaks On War Aims

ITALIANS SEVERELY HARASSED

It was announced in Cairo yesterday that the South African Air Force, operating in Abyssinia, continues to prepare the way for the advancing British troops.

Enemy road and rail communications between Dire-dawa and Awasa were heavily attacked.

At Urso, many bombs hit a supply train moving towards Dire-dawa. Other trains were attacked at Mieso and other points. Several trucks were left overturned in one case.

Twenty trucks and some troops at Metahara, near Addis Ababa were machine-gunned and fires were seen at Awasa after mechanical transport had been attacked.

At Seila, in British Somaliland, pilots reported a large number of natives carrying white flags and Union Jacks could be seen flying from the buildings.

From all these operations, British aircraft returned safely, except two fighters, the pilots of which made successful parachute descents. —Reuter.

LEND AND LEASE "BILL" PASSED

Legislative authority has now been given to the financial expenditure under the Lend and Lease Bill.

The Senate yesterday approved the Bill, already passed by the House of Representatives, setting aside US\$7,000,000,000 to implement the main Bill.—Reuter.

WANTS TIN HATS FOR M.P.S.

"Will you equip members of the House of Parliament with steel helmets and box respirators?" the Home Secretary is to be asked in the Commons by Major A. N. Braithwaite (Con., Buckrose).

CANADA GIVES HIM WARM WELCOME

"WAR IN EUROPE must end in the eradication of Nazism," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, broadcasting in Toronto last night.

The removal of trade barriers must be the key-note of the new peace which should not "again lock millions of people within a prison wall of trade limits and economic degradation to spawn brutality, racial intolerance and war," added Mr. Willkie.

The conquered countries of Europe, continued Mr. Willkie, "must be restored to liberty" with larger world trade and China "must be saved from aggression."

Above all, "the British Commonwealth of nations and the United States must join together in eliminating our own trade barriers and end within itself its political, economic and social maladjustments."

One Purpose

"Canada, England and the United States," Mr. Willkie concluded, "are to-day of one purpose. May we remain joined to-morrow for this nobler purpose."

Mr. Willkie arrived from New York by train in a private coach belonging to the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was met on arrival by civic, provincial and military officials and headed through a two-mile long procession of troops and auxiliary forces.

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie-King, came down specially from Ottawa to meet him. —Reuter.

WHOLE OF SOMALILAND RECAPTURED

The whole of British Somaliland is now under British control and the road from Berbera to Hargeisa is now open.

This announcement was made in yesterday's communique in Nairobi which also announced further successes in Abyssinia.

British forward troops attacked strong Italian positions holding a pass just west of Jijiga, capturing vital positions after strong opposition, in which British losses were slight.

Distant centres of administration in Abyssinia, some of which are 400 miles from the British lines of communication, are being taken over by air-borne troops, accompanied by political officers.—Reuter.

CHINESE GOODWILL MISSION

THE UNOFFICIAL CHINESE GOODWILL MILITARY MISSION, LED BY GENERAL SHANG CHEN, ARRIVED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

During the stay, extending to Thursday, the Mission will be entertained by the Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief.

The Mission is leaving on Thursday on a three-week tour of places of military importance in India, including the North-West Frontier, particularly Peshawar and also Poona and Calcutta from where they will return to China.—Reuter.

NEW POLISH FIGHTER SQUADRON

At dawn yesterday, a Polish fighter squadron took to the air and impatiently waited to assist the R.A.F. squadrons in their battles with the enemy.

The leader of the squadron, who holds the Polish V.C., has three German aircraft to his credit, while another pilot, who has received the D.F.C., has brought down six German machines.

The men of this squadron have over 1,000 flying hours to their credit and many of them took part in the British air victory over the Luftwaffe in August and September last.

The British commanding officer of the squadron highly praises the men and comments on the accuracy of their formation flying.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BALANCE

The Military Correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post" last Saturday tabulated British successes and assets in facing the 1941 spring campaign as:

- (1) complete recovery after the enemy's Franco-Belgian success,
- (2) defeats of the German air force and invasion plans of 1940,
- (3) formation and equipment of three powerful armies at Home and in the Mediterranean Zone and in East Africa,
- (4) defeat of the two Italian Army Groups in Africa and the air force,
- (5) elimination of Italian Naval Power,
- (6) invasion of Egypt and Canal control defeated,
- (7) Italian Empire isolated and divided and in process of dissolution,
- (8) Italian power in Abyssinia broken,
- (9) German Air Force drawn into the Balkans and invasion of Britain rendered more difficult,
- (10) final consolidation of the Empire force, each with its own productive arsenal, and entry of the United States as a non-belligerent ally far beyond Hitler's conception of the use of such allies.—Reuter.

ENGINEERS CRAM AT THIS COLLEGE

University professors, ex-officers of the last war, young veterans of Dunkirk and peace-time artisans are working together in the Military College of Science—the Army's cram school for engineer students—a branch of which in the North-West I toured recently writes a reporter.

In peace-time the building where the college is housed is just a typical northern technical school.

Now it is the centre of a vast network of workshops and classrooms.

Men who have been earmarked on their military service papers as tradesmen come here to discover just how little they know of the military side of the job they knew all about as civilians.

The object of the college is to teach men to be able to effect repairs when and wherever necessary in the most elaborate field instruments of war.

Much of the test gear of the Royal Army Ordnance Department, is designed here. Many of the drawings and blueprints for the department are lithographed and copied here.

"Our principal difficulty," I was told, "is to enlarge the bottle-neck between the skilled or semi-skilled civilian engineer and the qualified military engineer."

"The course lasts anything up to five months and is most intensive. The greater part of it is theoretical."

WARSHIPS TO BE BUILT ON THE GREAT LAKES

CANADA AND THE United States are to build army and navy vessels in shipbuilding yards on the Great Lakes.

Conclusion of the agreement on this point was announced by the United States Administration yesterday.

The agreement is the climax to negotiations which have been in progress for the past two years.

It involves a new interpretation of the Rush-Bagot Agreement of 1817 governing naval operations in the Great Lakes.

The new agreement lays down that the vessels are not to be intended for service on the Great

Lakes, that each government must furnish the other with full details before beginning construction, that warships may be built with full armaments but that the latter must be incapable of immediate use while the vessels remain on the Lakes, and that the vessels must be moved promptly from the Lakes on completion.—Reuter.

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Royal Air Force Smashes Through Berlin's Barrage

Ten Thousand Incendiary Bombs Dropped In Capital

HEAVY BRITISH BOMBERS, ATTACKING THE CENTRE OF BERLIN ON SUNDAY NIGHT HAD TO MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH AN INTENSE BARRAGE.

In spite of this attempt to protect the heart of the German capital, a large force of British bombers managed to cross Berlin, and more than ten thousand incendiary bombs were dropped upon selected objectives.

Polish crews participated in the raid, and many of the British crews had often made the trip before.

Some of the planes engaged flew along Der Landen, within a mile or so of which are five of the main railway stations, keeping on a steady course in order to take their aim.

Others directed their bombs at the fires which the first wave of British aircraft had started and others attacked goods-yards and factories in the south of the city.

In addition to thousands of incendiary bombs, some of the heaviest calibre high explosive bombs were rained upon the targets.

Huge Fires

In the area selected for the main attack, a great number of bombs were seen to explode, some in the centre of the target. The flashes of the larger bombs lit up the factories at which they were aimed.

Fire after fire sprung up in the wake of the roaring machines, glowing red with a suffused glare through the mist.

ON THEIR WAY BACK FROM BERLIN, SEVERAL OF THE AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER HANOVER, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTACKED IN LARGE FORCE AND THE PILOTS SAW FIERCE EXPLOSIONS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. — REUTER.

SQUADRON WINS ALSATIAN

Among the unusual gifts received by the Royal Air Force Comforts Committee, which supplies woollens and other comforts to men and women in the Service, is a handsome Alsatian dog. The donor asked that the dog might be presented as a mascot to one of our fighter squadrons.

The Alsatian did not have long to wait for a home. He was eagerly snapped up by one of our leading fighter squadrons. All ranks are delighted with him and he seems to approve of his new surroundings.

The Committee report that an increasing number of parcels of woollens were received from their working parties during the last few weeks of the year. Seasonal greetings were sent to all the parties, with thanks for their splendid work during 1940. The Committee hope that knitting parties will persevere during the coming months, for the winter is by no means over and the calls from overseas are now becoming greater. There is thus an ever growing need for the woollen garments and other comforts supplied by the Committee from 20 Berkeley Square, W.1.

SEAMEN MEET MR. MASSEY

Able seamen, aircraftmen, and privates of the Canadian Navy, Army and Air Force, sat in the luxurious surroundings of the Dorchester Hotel banquet hall and drank draught beer served out of gallon jugs.

They were guests of Lord Nathan's National Defence Public Interest Committee. Among them was Ableseaman Stephen John Tuckwell, who was awarded the George Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty.

Tuckwell, who already has two rows of medals, is a Haslemere man. He was seconded to the Canadian Navy for special duty. He has been in the Royal Navy for many years, and tattooed swallows on the back of either hand are permanent mementoes of his travels.

With Leading Seamen G. Winn and J. McEachern, six fellow-A.B.s and a stoker, he listened to Mr. Vincent Massey, the Canadian High Commissioner.

"That was a grand speech," he said afterwards. "I agree entirely with the importance of the unity of English speaking nations. My association with the Canadian Navy has made me think so more than ever."

"The George Cross? — well, I feel very proud about it, but that's all I want to say. I was on special duty at the time, so I can't speak about the incident that earned me the award."

Restricted Menu

War-time food restrictions made it impossible for the Servicemen to sample the full excellence of the kitchens of a West End hotel. The menu consisted of soup, chicken and vegetables and apple tart. "Of course, we're used to good food in the Navy," one of the A.B.s said in an aside.

Lord Nathan referred to the storming of Tobruk by the Australians, and said that the presence at lunch of representatives of other Empire forces added significance to the event. "They are all ready and waiting," he added, "if only they will be content to sit and wait."

Viscount Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary, also spoke.

HEADS BUMP AS THEY BEND—1 DIES

Knocking his head against his son's head as they bent down to lift a sack of potatoes, Roland Benjamin Cowell, aged forty, grover, of Staines Road, Sunbury on Thames, developed meningitis and died.

The father's glasses were knocked off. Later he complained of severe headaches and was taken to hospital.

"It was an unusual injury?" the coroner asked a doctor at the inquest.

"Yes, but consistent with the accident," was the reply.

Verdict: Accidental death.

DIED IN MIDNIGHT CRASH

Mrs. Edith White, a fifty-three-year-old widow, of Netherbury Road, Ealing, W., told a neighbour she would like to have a ride in his car. At midnight the car skidded in Kensington Road and collided with a lamp standard. Mrs. White was thrown out and killed.

Accidental death was the inquest verdict.

SEARCHING FOR VICTIMS OF BOMBED SUBWAY

(By A London Correspondent)

THERE ARE many unknown heroes engaged in the work of removing London raid debris and rescuing trapped people. One of them is a sergeant of the Royal Engineers whom I saw recently. He was an outstanding figure in the task of clearing the wreckage caused by the bomb that hit a subway.

It was a sudden ejaculation by a workman alongside me that directed my attention to him. "There's Victor McLaglen at it again," he called out. The sergeant's height, build and features were sufficiently reminiscent of the film star for me to understand the reference.

At that moment he was disappearing below the ground. A tiny hole had been opened at the bottom of an enormous pile of broken concrete and twisted steel work, and the sergeant was entering it.

He wanted to see whether he could find anyone alive below. If there had been the slightest displacement of the great mass of material above him he would have been crushed to death, but he did not hesitate.

"He has been doing that sort of thing all day," remarked the admiring man at my side. "Whenever a little hole is cleared he seems to make for it without any thought of the risk. That's what I call doing your duty."

Giant Crater

The scene was an astonishing one. In front of us lay a tremendous crater, so huge that the soldiers working in it in large numbers were like so many ants.

Giant cranes were swinging big buckets to dump their contents into lorries; oxy-acetylene flares were cutting at pieces of metal; pneumatic drills were creating a din, and not a moment was being lost by anybody.

Drama came swiftly. A sudden cry went up, arms waved, hurried orders were issued, and the almost overwhelming noise gradually ceased. Men instantly stopped whatever they were doing. The news spread that a sound had been heard below.

A lamp was passed down the little hole to the sergeant. There was an anxious pause, which was ended when work was resumed as abruptly as it had stopped. No one was alive.

A few moments later the sergeant reappeared, his face grimy, his job done.

Half an hour later I saw that sergeant disappear again. He had found another hole. Down he went without hesitation.

About five minutes afterwards he reappeared, but only with the help of soldiers. They grasped him by the wrist and hauled him up in a perpendicular position. He mopped his brow, gave directions as to the position below, and walked away. He was looking for still more holes.

CANADA'S ATLANTIC AIR PATROL

A large share in the defence of Canada's Eastern seaboard is undertaken by the Eastern Air Command of the Royal Canadian Air Force. The men who fly the aircraft of this Command work for the most part unseen, but they rapidly make their presence known to any ship which appears within 700 miles or so of the Canadian coast.

From the ice bound waters off Newfoundland to the United States border a constant patrol is maintained far out over the Atlantic to guard the vital sea lanes between Canada and the British Isles. Every convoy which puts to sea for England is protected by a squadron of the Eastern Command. Before the ships leave harbour the waters outside are subjected to a detailed search from the air.

The aircraft used are mainly land planes, but they may have to spend a day at sea, at times hundreds of miles from land. A report from a fishing boat of a suspicious looking craft may entail a flight of thousands of miles.

At the Command Headquarters there is a small upstairs room with a hole in the ceiling. From this vantage point the pilots look down while small toy ships are towed across the floor below by a string. The ships appear to the men above as real ships would do from a height of several thousand feet. The pilot has to give each ship's nationality and other particulars. Accurate identification of ships seen from the air is an important part of the work of this Command.

The men who fly the Eastern Command aircraft are usually rather older than those in the other branches of the Service. They are mostly seasoned men of long service, qualified naval officers and gunnery and armament experts.

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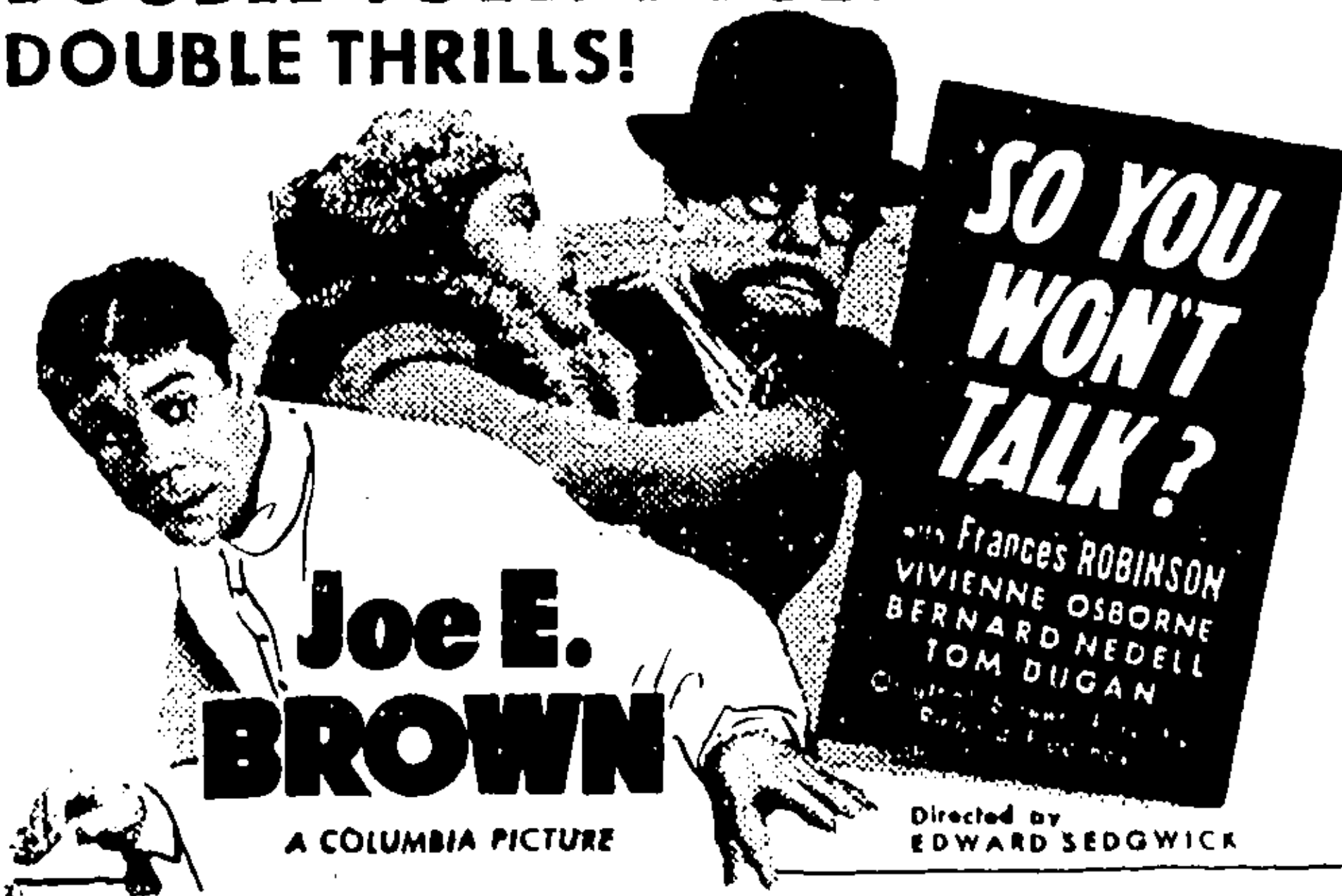
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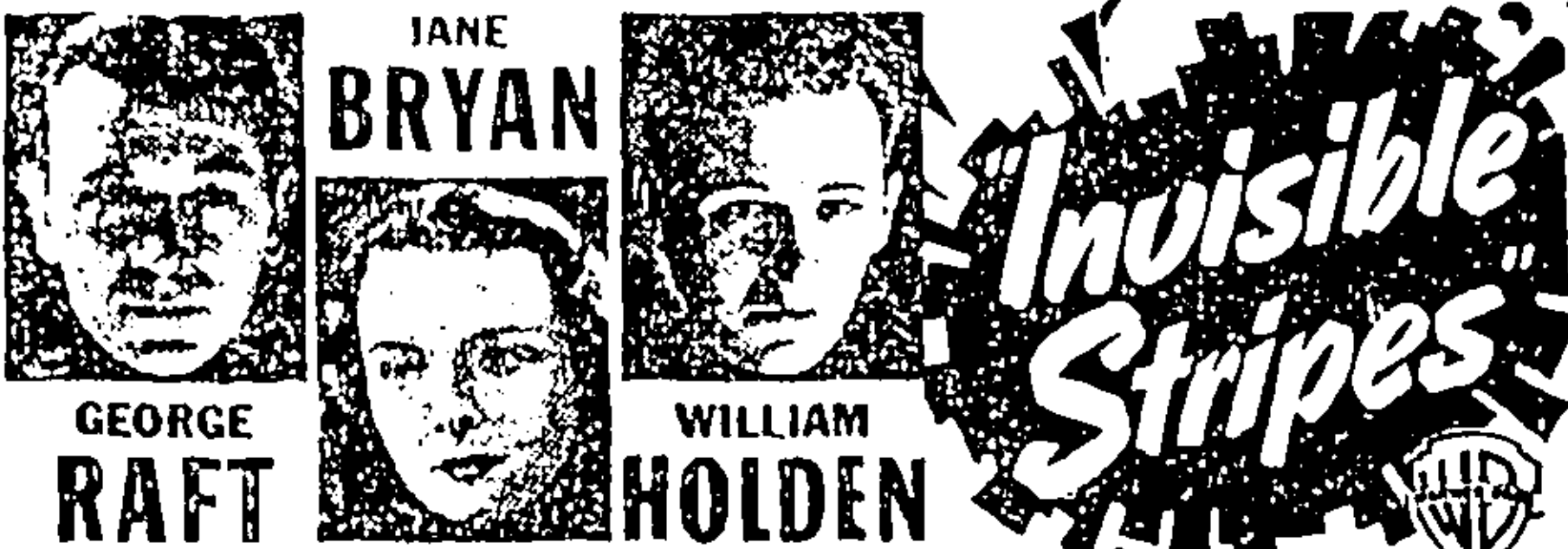
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AIR FORCE POLICY OF FIRST THINGS FIRST: NEW BATTLE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE is hitting Germany very much harder, although there are three reasons why, at the moment, it cannot do it very often.

As outlined to me in London yesterday, they constitute a policy of "first things first" with the promise that the Royal Air Force will carry the air war into Hitler's country on a growing scale and thereby implement what it is recognised must be, as the war presents itself to-day, the most effective means of hammering at the Nazis for some time.

The factors are firstly, diversion; secondly, weather; and thirdly, the state of Britain's bomber strength.

Now that the German Air Force is being used in support of the Navy in an "all out" bid to starve Britain of supplies of food, it follows that part of the Royal Air Force's offensive strength must be diverted to counteract this threat by raiding enemy sea air bases and other decisive points in the struggle.

Shortages in Britain's frontline bomber strength must be made good before the Prime Minister's assurance that he is "hammering" but the "present" dip in the Luftwaffe's raiding of Britain will be rather the other way round, can now be fulfilled.

It will take time before the R.A.F. facing for one thing, a more distant and a much bigger target, can hope to unload the same total tonnage of bombs.

Encouraging Factors

But there are some new encouraging factors in the present duel between the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe to be borne in mind. New British bombers are in, rather than ever and this will offset the shortening of the hours of summer nights and should enable the winter campaign of bombing Germany to be carried on with much the same strength.

Families of German workers continue to be evacuated from the much bombed Ruhr and other Nazi cities and ports.

Some are being sent to Austria and others are coming west to occupied France.

The German night blitz on British ports has been checked for two nights in succession by the prevailing variable weather which may eventually have an effect in upsetting the Nazi timetable.

Heavy Losses

Nazi air formations between 200 and 500 strong are experiencing heavy proportionate losses, observers are convinced.

German attacks on port and other bottle-necks of American aid to Britain form the second essential part of the considered campaign to stop war supplies and food "somewhere" between the producer overseas and the consumer here.

The first essential is the U-boat campaign at sea. The Luftwaffe's part in this blockade of Britain follows two big earlier failures it is pointed out. The first was to destroy our R.A.F. and the second was to break the morale of our people.—Reuter.

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The Squadron was originally formed at Otranto during the last war as No. 6 Wing R.N.A.S. and was renumbered 66 Wing R.A.F. in April, 1918. It later became No. 224 Squadron. It was engaged in bombing Cattaro and Durazzo and was disbanded in May, 1919.

When the Squadron was re-formed in February 1937 it was suggested that the arms of Otranto, the Squadron's birthplace, should be adopted as its badge. The Italian Embassy in London supplied details of the design, and when this had been adapted to the needs of the R.A.F. it was shown as a matter of courtesy to the Embassy.

When it was returned to the Squadron the copy of the badge bore the following signature: "Mussolini, Roma, 1938." The Embassy had sent it out to Italy for August inspection. Perhaps the Duke was intrigued by the motto at the base of the design "Fedeles Amico," "Faithful to a Friend."

The "Faithful Friend" in the design of the badge is the serpent itself. According to legend a princess imprisoned in a castle at Otranto was watched over and fed by a serpent until rescued by a local St. George.

Though faithfulness to friendship is not so characteristic nowadays of Italian serpents and others, St. George is still busy over the Straits of Otranto.

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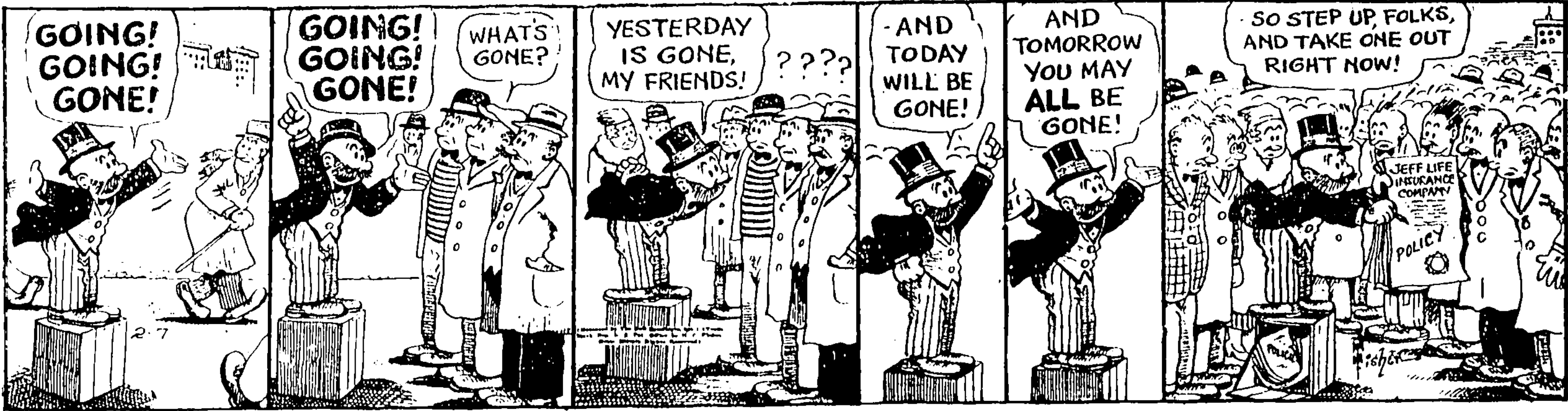
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JUMPING OUT of their camp beds when a bell clanged in a Manchester maternity hospital, two Boy Scouts raced in their pyjamas to the operating theatre to help a surgeon try to save the life of a young mother who had just given birth to her baby.

For two hours the boys worked in an emergency team organised by the operating surgeon to restore the woman's breathing after she had collapsed.

The Scouts, seventeen-year Eric and eighteen-year-old John, of Hadley Avenue, Longbridge, and eighteen-year-old John, of Percival Street, Longbridge, told a reporter that their one regret was that the woman did not live.

We are used to the bell ringing in the early hours of the morning, who was one of a company of scouts who sleep at the hospital in case they may be needed in an emergency. "But more often than not the call is for a fire to be lighted or a simple job to be done."

"Doctor Exhausted"

"When we heard what this special call was, we did not stop to put on our uniforms. We raced along the corridors just as we were, ready to do anything we could to help the surgeon. We found him almost completely exhausted in his efforts to keep the patient breathing, and quickly grasped the methods necessary in such a case."

"Our Good Turn"

The scouts have been giving their services for several weeks to the hospital, carrying mothers and their new-born babies to the shelters in the basement when the air raid alert is sounded.

"Do we mind if we miss a night's rest?" said Jardine. "Why, that's the sort of thing we scouts have been waiting for. We feel we are doing our good turn in the noblest of all services."

"That and the sound of a bell calling us to a life-saving job is all the reward we lads want."

WIFE WHO USED FREEDOM PACT

A "foolish" document signed by a bank official was described by Mr. Justice Bucknill in the Divorce Court as "a lever used by his wife to extort from him an agreement that she might continue her rather plentiful companionship with other men."

The judge granted a decree nisi, with costs against the co-respondent, to Mr. Cyril Lowton Newman, Hickmansworth Road, Amersham, Bucks, because of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Elvira Louise Newman, with the co-respondent, Mr. Percy Frederick Finch. The suit was undefended.

The marriage, of which there is one child, took place in 1926 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, S.W. Mr. Newman alleged that since May, 1940, his wife had been living with Mr. Finch at Little Addington, Oakley, near Aylesbury.

Granting the decree, the judge said: "Mr. Newman, quite straightforwardly and properly, against his own interest, put before the court a document which he and his wife signed in November, 1938."

"Absolute Freedom"

"One clause states, 'Neither of us will enforce, conjugal rights; at all times there shall be absolute freedom for both parties, each going our separate ways, although living under the same roof; in the event of any acts of indiscretion on either side occurring in the future, neither of us will take any action providing there is no desertion on either side.'"

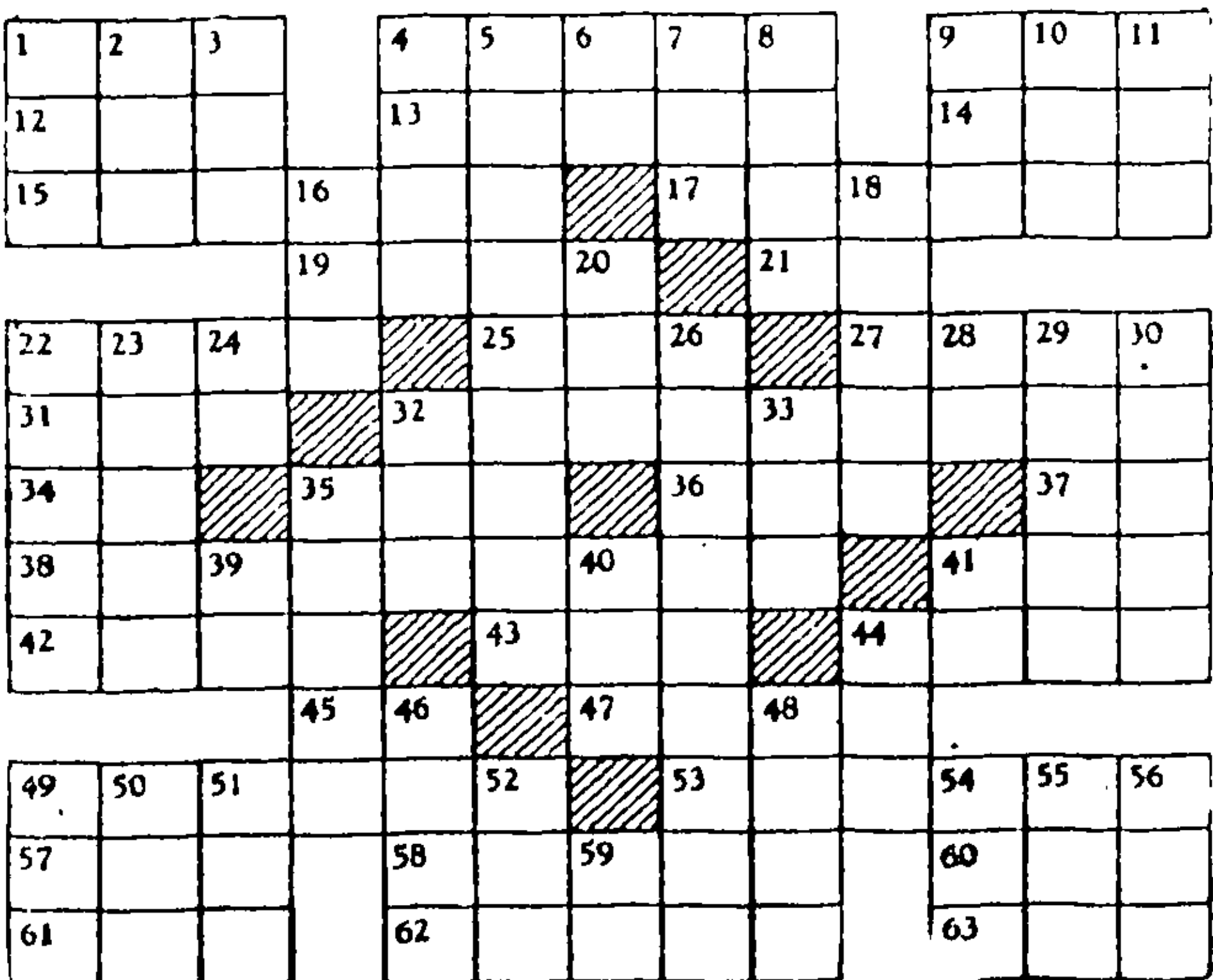
"There were grounds of complaint by the wife, but, on the other hand, there is no evidence to show that there were any grounds of complaint by the husband against the wife. She was going about with the co-respondent then, but no evidence has been called that there was anything sinister in that friendship."

"It was a foolish document to sign, but I am satisfied that Mr. Newman signed under some pressure from his wife, and he did not intend to encourage his wife to commit adultery, or to assent to such conduct on her part."

The judge thought that the explanation of the origin of the document was that the wife was fond of going about with other men. He did not think that the wife's conduct went any further at that time.

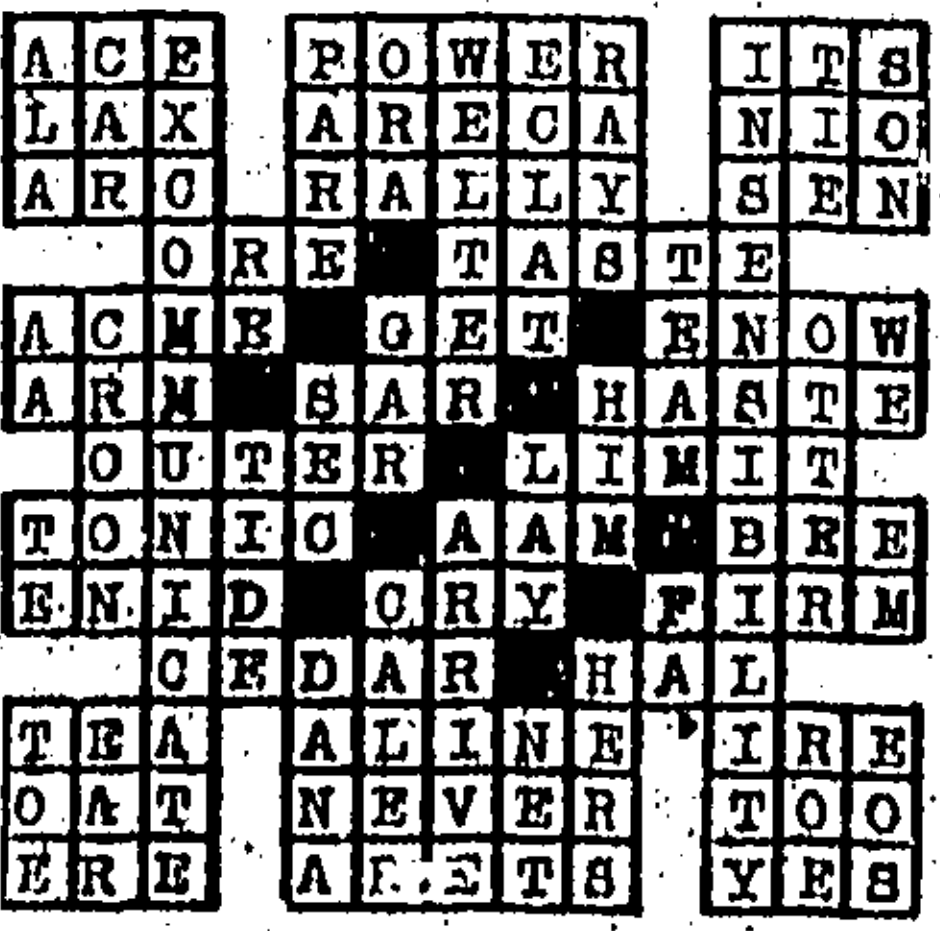
"Mr. Newman," he said, "agreed to sign because he did not want his own indiscretions to be brought to light. When matters between his wife and the co-respondent became serious some time later, he did his best to stop the friendship."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



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| HORIZONTAL | VERTICAL |
| 1 Mongrel | 1 Vehicle |
| 4 To mature | 2 South-western |
| 9 Part of a circle | Indian |
| 12 Philippine savage | 3 Male sheep |
| 13 Stupid | 4 To ascend |
| 14 French coin | 5 Impossible to pay, as debts |
| 15 Negligent | 6 Colloquial: father |
| 17 Small ornamental bag | 7 Being |
| 19 Gaseous element | 8 To approach |
| 21 Japanese measure | |
| 22 Couching | |
| 25 French article | |
| 27 To urge | |
| 31 Babylonian deity | |
| 32 German air force | |
| 34 Indian mulberry | |
| 35 To sigh convulsively | |
| 36 Swiss river | |
| 37 Note of scale | |
| 38 Unnecessary repetition | |
| 41 Limb | |
| 42 Gaelic | |
| 43 Unit of work | |
| 44 Stable | |
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| 47 Weird | |
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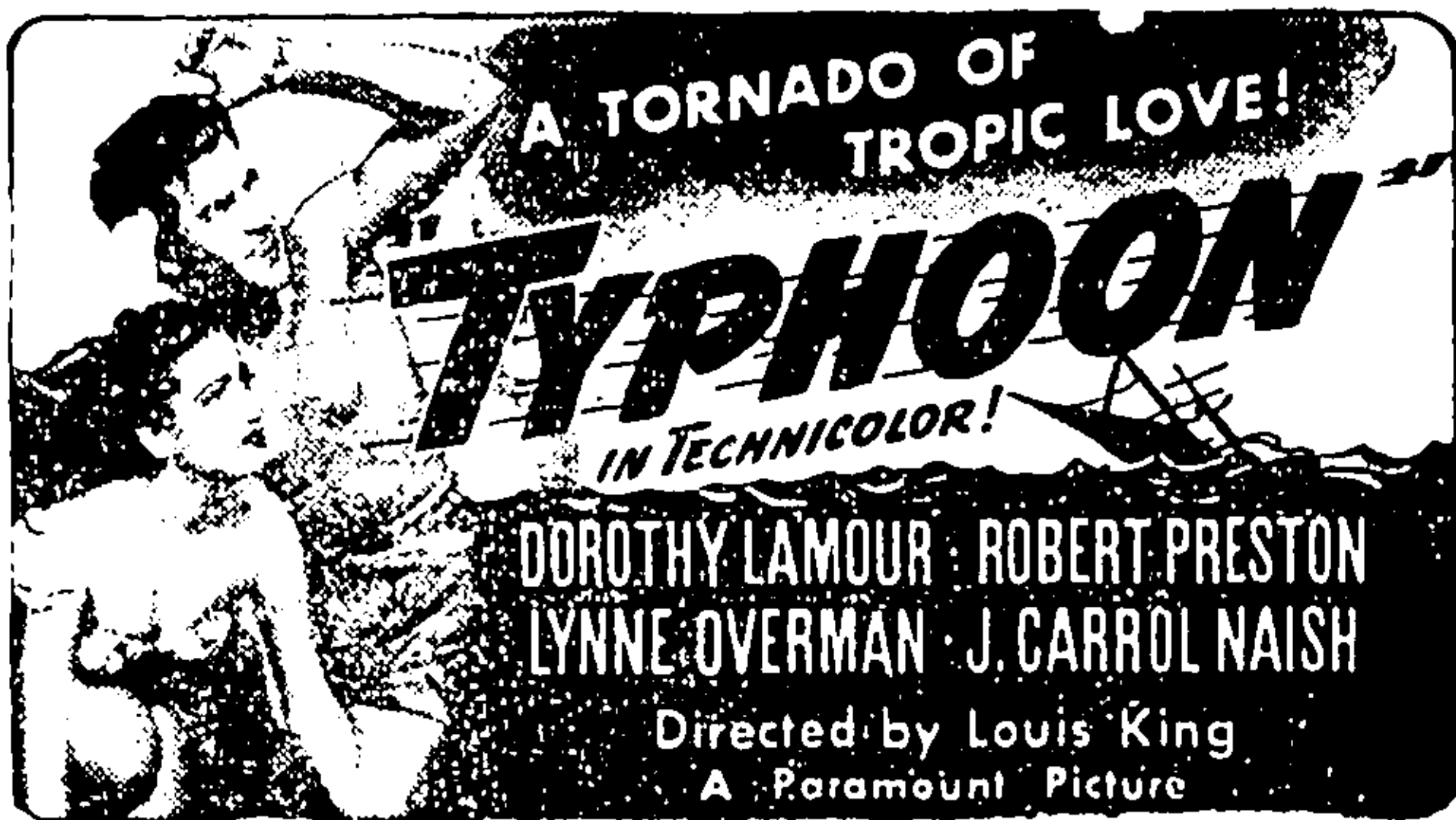


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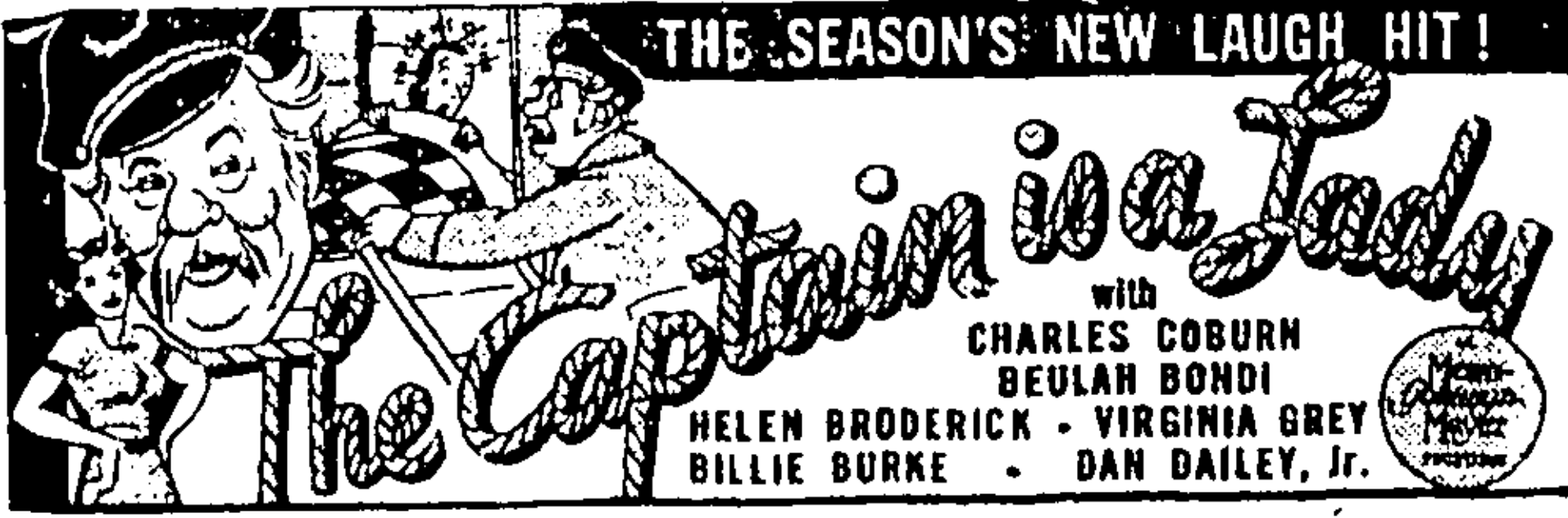
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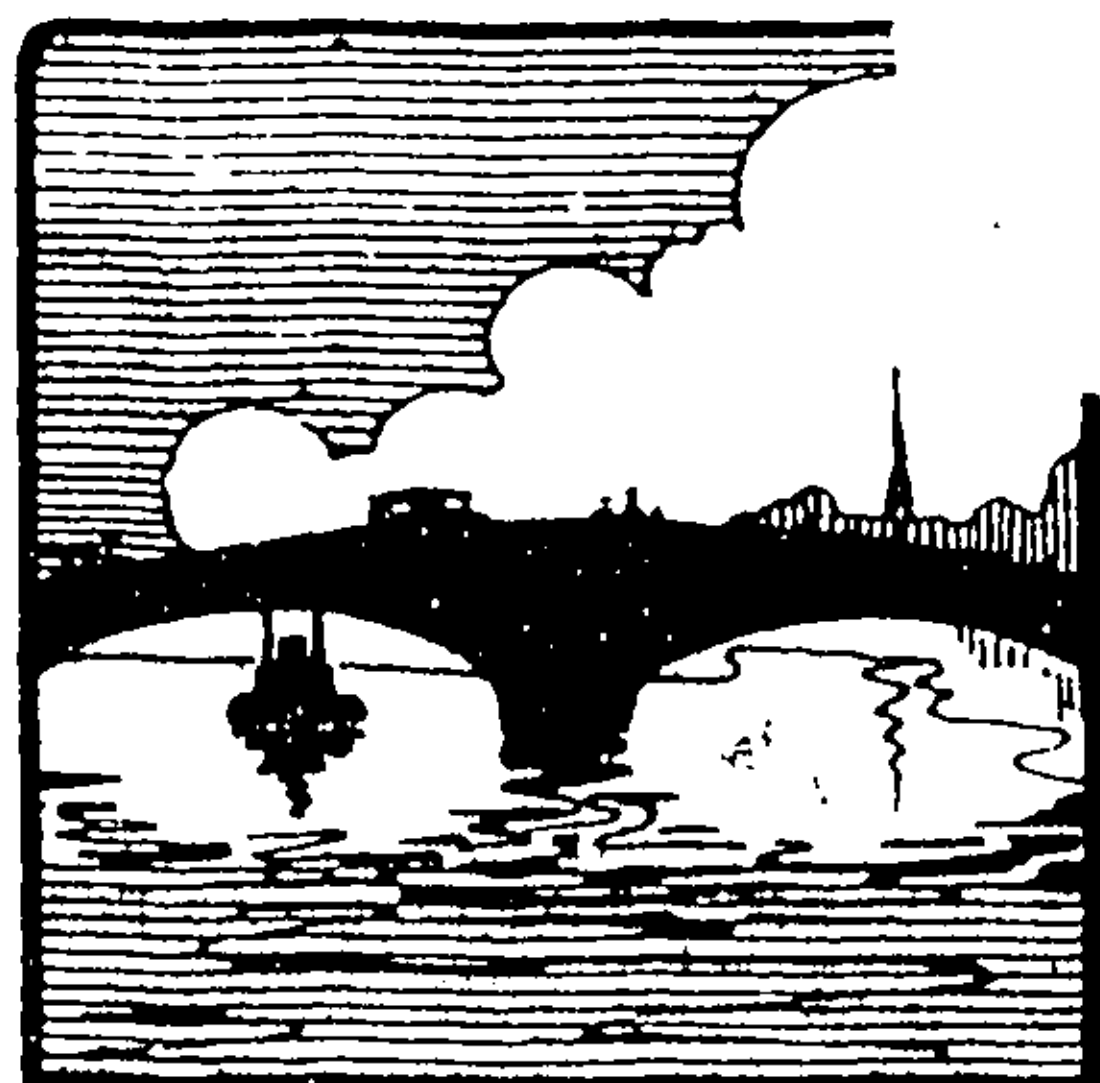
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ROYAL NAVY SALUTES 3 CHILDREN

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE LOOK-OUT MAN ON A BRITISH DESTROYER SEES IT FIRST, LOOSES IT FOR A MOMENT, SEES IT AGAIN AS IT RISES ON A WAVE'S CREST — JUST A SPECK OF WHITE AGAINST THE ATLANTIC GREY.

The destroyer alters course. The speck grows. It is a lifeboat riding the waves, though no hand is on its tiller. A boat that bears three children — dead by Nazi murder — on a last, lonely journey.

From the British destroyer a long boat pulls out, her crew find the little bodies, soaked by the sea's spray, huddled together, arms around each other.

Tenderly they are borne aboard the destroyer, and for a little while the ship breaks off her mission of war to give tribute to three dead children, burial with full naval honours.

The captain reads the committal service, his men are lined up on the deck, and three little bodies, draped with the Union Jack, are lowered again into the arms of the sea and the waves cover them.

The ship's company stir, go back to their duty stations, the destroyer is alive again, hunting the ocean wastes for Nazi killer ships.

Solemn Occasion

And to Mrs. Holmes of Watford Road, Wembley, Middlesex, mourning the death of her son Terence in the torpedoed evacuation ship City of Benares, now comes this letter from a naval chaplain:

"It is with the hope that I am not deepening your sorrow that I write to tell you that your son Terence was found in a lifeboat with two other children and some grown-ups, and that his body was given a full naval burial at sea by the captain of the destroyer who picked him up.

"I am chaplain of the destroyers at—and I heard the story from the captain himself. He had kept the numbers of the children and he told me that never in his life had he felt the solemnity of the occasion so wonderful.

"The rescued crews and his own ship's company paid their homage as the three little bodies were committed to the deep. They had, of course, died long before they were picked up, but he felt that he would like to honour them for their unreachd manhood. So he did.

"And one has the faith that in the arms of a Heavenly Father they had already been received with love. The Navy did what it could for their remains. God give you comfort still."

Mad On Ships

Terence Brian Holmes had begged for the chance to go to Canada in the evacuation scheme. His mother had doubts, but at last she was won over by Terry's pleadings and the urging of friends and relatives.

She spoke of him. "He was such a wonderful little chap.

"Look! I've kept his desk just as he left it—there's the drawing of a ship he made just before he left last September—and his bicycle's still outside in the hall.

"He was mad on ships and the sea.

"Terry was such a great little trouter that I'm sure if he'd had the choice he would have liked to go down like that."

RING AS SPITFIRE GIFT

A Woolwich wife has given her 22ct. gold wedding ring to be sold in aid of the district's Spitfire Fund. She said she was unable to afford a donation.

The ring is on view in a shop.

TO TELL ROME-VIA ATHENS

Italian radio listeners may soon hear once again the voice of a favourite broadcaster — but he will be speaking from Athens, not Rome.

A titled officer, he is one of the most distinguished of the Italian prisoners who have arrived in Athens.

Five times wound in the Spanish War, and a member of one of the most noble families in Rome, he was given an important post on Rome radio. His voice was familiar to millions of listeners.

When he left for the front the wish was expressed that Italy would soon rehear his famous voice.

Greek officers here have suggested that this wish should be granted.

The Italian officer should broadcast to Italy as usual — but from Athens for a change, they say.

This officer expressed two main wishes.

The first was to see for himself pieces from the torpedo which sank the Greek ship Helle, as he was unable to believe Fascism capable of such infamy.

The second was to find some sweet cake as the Italian Army is apparently starved of all sweet foods.

He had hoped to marry a Spanish duchess to whom he is engaged, when war broke out.

Recent appeals to Greek civilians to give blood for transfusions for wounded is meeting with a wonderful response. Queues of all classes are forming up in Athens bureaux.

There are no distinctions in these queues. Society leaders await their turn with paupers. The blood on being collected is rushed to hospital bases.

RETORT TO BAN ON LIPSTICK

HUSBAND AND WIFE have replied to Major-General Sir Archibald Home's ban on the use of lipstick by Mrs. C. D. Fellowes in her uniform as assistant commandant of a British Red Cross hospital.

Said Major Fellowes, M.C., her husband: "The ban seems to us absolutely childish.

"Merely, I imagine, due to the provincialism of a local director." Mrs. Fellowes told a reporter:

"All this matter is a great storm over nothing. I am still using lipstick—I feel untidy without it.

"For years I've worn lipstick. They suggested a paler colour, but I couldn't manage it. Colourless lip salve is hopeless."

Mrs. Fellowes has no intention of giving up her work, or her lipstick, and if lipstick clashes with her uniform as an assistant commandant, she can wear ordinary clothes, as her work is mainly administrative.

A Shock For Him

The trouble arose when Sir Archibald, who is sixty-six, attend-

JERRY WON'T NEED RETURN HALF

The R.A.F. recently dropped tickets over West Germany for the journey to England and back, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "A.B.C."

With each ticket was an invitation to German soldiers and sailors to make the journey.

"But," it was added, "as you will be so well received, you won't need the return half."—Reuter.

BISHOPS FOR "GOD'S PLAN"

A conference of Bishops, laity and clergy at Malvern (Worcestershire) condemned private ownership of the principal industrial resources of the community as "a stumbling block" to Christianity.

Dealing with private ownership the declaration said: "On the one hand it may deprive the poorest members of the community of the essentials of life. On the other, while these resources can be so owned, men will strive for their ownership for themselves.

"As a consequence, a way of life founded on the supremacy of the economic motive will remain, which is contrary to God's plan for mankind.

"The time has come for Christians to proclaim the need for striving towards a form of society in which the continuance of these abuses will be no longer possible."

"B.-P.'S" STUDY AS MEMORIAL

The Chief Scout's room at Scout headquarters in London, where Lord Baden-Powell worked several days each week for the Scout movement amid mementoes of his life of adventure, is to become a museum in memory of him.

ed the opening of a Red Cross hospital in Suffolk.

He was there as Suffolk County Director of the British Red Cross.

Mrs. Fellowes was there, too. Sir Archibald saw her, and particularly noticed something—HER LIPSTICK.

Sir Archibald did not approve. He told Mrs. Fellowes so—"quite nicely and amiably," as she said.

When Mrs. Fellowes said she did not feel herself without her lipstick, Sir Archibald told her she might have to resign if she insisted on using it.

The matter then went to Red Cross headquarters.

Their reply is that if make-up is used it should be inconspicuous—"a rule to be abided by," an official said.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

A NEW VICTIM?

The latest phase of the impending storm in the Balkans is the apparent success reported to-day of the Nazi attempt at coercing Yugoslavia. Plans for a drive through Bulgaria have apparently been altered. The risk of Turkish intervention or Russian displeasure makes Hitler hesitate. He has accordingly summoned the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister to Berlin to discuss the possibility of a "blitz" move from another direction. Or it may be just a strategic retreat from his real intentions to keep the world guessing and to prolong the war of nerves. The last significant visit of a Yugoslav Premier to Germany was that of Dr. Stoyadinovitch in 1938. His government stood for drifting away from the country's close ties with France and a strong trend towards Italy, and later towards Germany, which had built up a dominant position in Yugoslavia's foreign trade.

The Stoyadinovitch policy soon became unpopular in a Slav country where pro-French feeling was strong and British influence by no means negligible. Prince Paul visited London several times. The present Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, is a moderate Serb, under whom the Yugoslav constitution has been remodelled on a more liberal basis. He seems to have been lulled, however, into the belief that he can restrict Nazi encroachments, which means inevitably that the matter is not yet ended. There are numerous minorities in the country, among whom Germans number 300,000 out of a total population of nearly 14 millions, the majority of whom are Serbs and Croats. The latter have for long demanded autonomy and a federal system. The fostering of Serbo-Croatian dissension in an acute form may be one of Hitler's ways of dismembering and dominating Yugoslavia if it suits Axis plans. But both Serbs and Croats have cruel memories of Germans in the last war. And they are not incapable of offering stout resistance to an invader, even if Yugoslavia is liable to attack by Germany from two sides at once through Hungary and Rumania. As yet the voice of the people has not been heard. There may be further drama yet.



WHEN THE TRUTH COMES OUT!

SEA POWER

Will Give Us Victory

By
Lord Strabolgi

In 1935 and "sanctions time," Mussolini and his henchmen used to boast that Italian air power nullified British sea power. Malta was to be obliterated, Gibraltar rendered unusable, and the British Fleet forced to evacuate the Mediterranean by air attack.

These boastings fooled quite a number of people including some leading members of the British Cabinet. The stories of 500 Italian air desperadoes ready to make a death or glory assault on the British Fleet had their effect.

This is one reason why sanctions were not pressed home as a policy, and that, again, was one of the causes of the collapse of the League of Nations and the present war. At the time of Munich there were similar boastings by Goering and other Nazis as to what was to be done to the British Fleet by the Luftwaffe if war came between Britain and Germany.

There was this much excuse for our doubts. The present-day air weapon was untried, and no one felt sure what its power was against warships; indeed, these doubts had a good deal to do with the overcautious handling of our naval forces in the Norwegian campaign.

With the German Air Force able to use the Danish aerodromes and one or two of the Norwegian ones, the then Higher Command declined to send our heavy ships to the relief of Oslo and for the purpose of cutting the German lines of communication with Norway. Yet, in these operations, one of the most important large-scale attacks on a fleet at sea was made by German aircraft.

This was the occasion when the flagship of the Home Fleet was struck on the quarter-deck by a heavy bomb. Her stout armoured decks prevented vital damage, and she was able to keep at sea fit for action until the end of the operations on which she was then engaged.

Now, after 18 months of war, we have much more experience. A well-planned and skillfully-directed air attack on ships in harbour can do a great deal of damage. The classic case is the

successful torpedoing from the air of the Italian warships in Taranto harbour. During the Norwegian operations we also scored considerable success against German warships lying in the Norwegian fjords.

But it is a different proposition to attack a fleet at sea. True, we have had several ships damaged by bombs, but, except for the cruiser Southampton, we have only actually lost destroyers by air attack. The destroyer built primarily for speed, carries no armour. Larger ships of modern construction are protected by stout armour decks, and experience has proved that even a direct hit by the heaviest type of bomb is not necessarily fatal.

The truth is that a warship at sea and steaming at full speed is a difficult target. We knew that already from the gunnery point of view. It has been proved again and again how difficult it is to hit the deck of a ship steaming through the water in the numerous air attacks which have been made on our convoys of merchant ships in the English Channel and elsewhere.

It has also been proved that the heavy anti-aircraft battery carried by the modern man-of-war is a good deterrent. Her guns' crews, necessarily exposed on the upper deck, must be well trained and resolute; and then they can put up a very useful barrage against the attacking Air Force.

Now let us return to the Mediterranean situation. There, despite the numerous aerodromes in Sicily, North Africa and the Dodecanese Islands, we have maintained effective control of the Middle Sea.

We are enabled to reinforce and supply the Army of the Nile and also our Greek allies and the British forces cooperating with them. We hinder communications between Italy and Albania

across the Adriatic; we prevent the Italian Navy from taking any effective part in the campaign against Greece, and we have turned the Aegean Sea into a British Lake.

Most important of all, we maintain a stranglehold on Italy by stopping the whole of their commerce inwards and outwards with the rest of the world. Her garrisons in East Africa and Abyssinia are cut off and isolated; while we can move our supplies and troops anywhere at will.

In the big action in the Sicilian Straits on January 10, the main attacks from the air were made by the German Air Force operating from the Italian aerodrome at Catania. Our objective was to pass a big convoy of munitions and other supplies through to Greece, and this we succeeded in doing, with damage only to three warships, two of which reached harbour.

So much for the boast that air power would nullify sea power. It is the same story in home waters. True, the German Air Force damages our merchant shipping and assists the German U-boats in locating our convoys.

But the stranglehold of the blockade on Germany is maintained, and German merchant shipping can only move freely in the Baltic, and, to a limited extent, in the Black Sea.

The Royal Navy is still a fleet in being, the great deterrent to any attempted invasion of these islands on a large scale. When we speak of sea power, however, we must remember that this includes not only warships, but the aircraft which operate over the sea.

We need more heavily armed long-range fighters. We need more flying-boats for patrol work and convoy protection. I myself have for long advocated the provision of more anti-aircraft ships converted from fast merchantmen. A medium-sized liner of good speed could have her upper deck stripped so as to mount a very numerous armament of A.A. guns.

Such ships could accompany the fleet or important convoys, and could be provided in some short space of time. Nor am I altogether satisfied that enough of our available labour and ma-

Tuna Comes Home

Bearded, grimy and tired, but still with enough vitality to laugh and shout—that is how a British submarine crew comes home, leaving the shell that has been so long a prison.

Another trip is over. It was perhaps crammed with thrills and dangers; perhaps nothing happened. But it is all the same to the men.

They are back to be nursed into the peak of condition before they face fresh dangers.

I call them dangers; to these men they are just incidents of little consequence, as I gathered

By William Gibbons

when, after the Tuna had come into the port (alongside the depot ship), I went into the submarine and heard the story of their action against a German U-boat.

Like Liner

I toured the depot ship, and, having seen much of the British Navy, I rate it as one of the wonders of the Service.

It had me thinking of a giant liner in which I once travelled. There's not the luxury of such a liner; it's just completeness and, as befitting the Navy, a scrupulous cleanliness.

I first went to the "parting shop," where, it seemed to me, men handled these £2,000 torpedoes as a child does his first toy motor-car. They have to be overhauled when they come off submarines, and may need repairs before they are re-issued. So it is that you can see these experts toying with tools in the intricate mechanism of 6,000 parts that make up a "tin fish."

Round the corner I found myself in the sick bay. It's not just spit and polish here. It's a veritable hospital with every modern equipment.

There are 20 beds in the main bay and four in the isolation ward; an operating theatre, X-ray room, laboratory and dispensary, and there are four doctors with a nursing staff (taken from the crew of the ship, mark you!)

Plenty To Eat

The "Dobie" room would be the envy of many a housewife. There the men wash their smalls. And what luxury! They've half a dozen deep washing bowls—or sinks, as they may better be known—hot water and a warm drying cupboard. It is, indeed, a complete laundry.

The cook is a master of his art. Though down to rations, he can provide meals you and I would like to get; yet the cost is 1s. 8d. a day per head, which means a bill totalling £600 a week for the Admiralty.

Of course, you can buy a lot for £600, and this cook does. He uses four tons of potatoes a week, one ton of other vegetables, two tons of meat, and 35,000 pieces of fruit (apart from dried fruit).

No less accomplished is the baker. All the bread and cake is made in the ship.

Always Ready

Naturally, there's a certain amount of untidiness, and a penalty for it. If anything is left about the mess decks, clothing, books, etc., it is taken to the "Scran Bay" and a forfeit of a slice of soap has to be paid to retrieve the article.

The submarine mess decks are always ready for incoming crews, each of whom has his own locker. The mess is kept clean for them while they are away, and their tables and stools are triced up until they return for probably their first real meal for weeks.

Material have been given priority for naval purposes.

These, however, are details. The broad facts remain that sea power is holding its own against the new air weapon, and, in the long run, will prove decisive in this war.



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ENGLISH GIRL SECRET WIFE OF A PRINCE

A YOUNG INDIAN PRINCE working as an ambulance driver, and an English girl, also in the ambulance service, met in an A.R.P. depot near their homes in East Sheen, Surrey.

They fell in love while in wartime work together. Now the girl, twenty-one-year-old Miss Ursula Dimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dimes, of East Sheen Lodge, Sheen Lane, has given up ambulance work to become the Prince's bride.

Prince Turab Ali Khan Aga, aged twenty-two, son of a ruling prince in a small State in India, and his bride, kept their wedding a secret, even from Miss Dimes's father and mother.

Then, when it was over and the couple had settled down in Plymouth, where the Prince is an R.A.F. aircraftman, Ursula Dimes phoned her mother and said: "The Prince and I were married a few days ago."

"A Shock"

"I can only hope they will be happy together," Mrs. Dimes said to a reporter.

"Ursula is a fine girl and the Prince is a lucky man. It was a shock to us, but they were obviously deeply in love with each other, and we hope they will make a good match."

"My husband has had nothing to say about the wedding — but I believe efforts were made to dissuade the young man from his romance with Ursula."

"The only thing I have definitely insisted on," added Mrs. Dimes, "is that Ursula shall not go to India. One other thing worries me—I hope the Prince's father will bless their marriage."

Wealthy Man

"I should say the Prince is a wealthy man, being in line of descent from the ruling Prince."

Miss Dimes is well known locally through her work at a riding school. She was often seen out riding in Richmond Park. She joined the Barnes Ambulance Service as a full-time driver.

The Prince enlisted in the R.A.F. about a year ago, and was the first Indian to be admitted to the ranks of the R.A.F. in Britain.

He has an elder brother, Prince M. Ali Khan Aga, who, also married an English girl.

After their marriage, which took place when Miss Dimes and the Prince obtained leave from their jobs, the couple went to Devon, staying for their honeymoon at a guest house near Plymouth.

DIRECT HIT—BLACK EYE

Only casualty when a shower of fire bombs fell in one outer London area was a man who received a black eye through quarrelling with another over part of an incendiary bomb as a trophy.

SHARED BUNKS IN SHELTER

Shelter chaperones are needed in some London boroughs. A police officer investigating a disturbance in a West Ham shelter found two young couples in bunks.

"This sort of thing is going on all over the district, but we are powerless to stop it," Mr. A. E. Waters, chief A.R.P. officer of West Ham told a reporter.

"The only solution is to have paid personnel with definite authority on duty each night. Young couples find dark corners in the shelters to carry on their love-making. Voluntary wardens have not the authority to stop sharing bunks."

"The voluntary warden must find a policeman, and by the time the officer arrives the couples have gone."

"We Are Powerless"

"By supervision we are doing all we can but without the proper authority of paid personnel, or a Ministry order to segregate the sexes we are powerless."

"And with the problem of men and women sleeping separately arises that of married couples who won't separate."

A Ministry of Health official said: "Restrictions should be dealt with locally, and police officers called if order cannot be kept."

When James Kitch, aged nineteen, a labourer, of Clive Road, Romford, was fined £5 at West Ham for obstructing the police, it was stated that he told young couples in bunks: "Take no notice of him, it is nothing to do with the police. We can stay here as long as we like."

FROM GBS TO "PAT"

"The Love Letters of Bernard Shaw to Mrs. Patrick Campbell." That is the title chosen in her will by the famous actress, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, for letters and poems written to her by George Bernard Shaw.

Mrs. Campbell (Mrs. Beatrice Stella Cornwallis-West) died in April last, aged seventy-five. Her will, in which she left the instructions about the letters, has just been published.

She asked that the letters and poems should be published in their right order and not altered.

Mr. Shaw's comment was:—"Forty-five years ago everybody wrote love letters to Mrs. Patrick Campbell. I knew she thought mine the best of the bunch. All of them were from married men and quite inno-

THE SONG BEAT THE BOMB

THE NIGHT RAID HAD STARTED IN A LONDON THEATRE ONE OF THE ARTISTS, A GIRL, WAS SINGING A SONG.

A heavy bomb crashed outside. The building shook.

But though her heart may have missed a beat, the singer's voice never faltered. She sang on.

"It was magnificent," said one who heard her. "The blast of the bomb blew the backcloth straight at her."

The audience, among whom were men of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Home Guards, were asked to leave. They refused to do so, and helped the theatre firemen to put out many incendiaries that fell around.

cent." Forty-five years ago Mrs. Campbell was thirty and Bernard Shaw thirty-nine, and unmarried.

WANT BABIES AS PERFECT REMINDER

WOMEN GOING TO birth-control clinics because they DO want babies seems all wrong. But that is what is happening.

"We have been amazed at the number of women who have come to the clinics recently seeking our help in their desire to have babies," Dr. Marie Stopes, the well-known birth control expert, told a London reporter.

"We had nineteen of these eager, would-be mothers at one of our smaller clinics in one day. It is sometimes pitiful to see their longing."

"Before the war we had a fairly steady number of such cases, but now they are becoming much more numerous."

"I think the chief reason for it is that many women passionately desire the most perfect remembrance of their man, who has to leave them to join up."

"War fosters a deep romantic feeling in women and they are often terribly distressed if they cannot have a baby."

"We are able, in many cases, to give them advice which enables them to have children."

"Even war service does not seem to stop some women from wanting a baby. We have women in uniform among our clients, and quite recently a young couple, both of whom were in uniform, came to seek our advice."

"It might be thought that the perils of the blitz would make most women unwilling to add to their families or to have a first child, but our experience shows it is quite the other way."

NIGHTS IN A CELLAR FOR WEEKS ON END

"PLEASE TELL ME WHETHER THE ENGLISH ARE AS FRIGHTENED AS THE GERMANS ARE IN THEIR SHELTERS." THAT QUESTION IS ASKED IN A LETTER WRITTEN BY A GIRL WHO WAS IN STUTTGART UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO.

She gave the letter to Sefton Delmer in Lisbon to take to her brother at school in London. Rendel Sperrling — her real name is kept secret so that the Nazi will not know it — is a German-Jewish girl of thirteen.

From Stuttgart she flew to Italy to meet her parents, who travelled with her through France and Spain to Lisbon. There she is now waiting to go to America. Here is her letter:—

Darling Freddy. Have you had a lot of bombs? I am terribly glad to be out of Germany. Now I can tell you about it.

In Stuttgart we spent almost every night in the cellar for several weeks on end. The British planes did not come to the residential parts of the town, but concentrated on the factories.

Rush To Shelters

Nevertheless, some of the people in the cellar were very frightened. They were particularly nervous when the guns began to go before the sirens had given the alarm.

They all came rushing down in the funniest clothes. One woman came down without her wig.

We Jews had a special shelter to ourselves, as we were not supposed to mingle with true Germans.

They used to try to stop people from seeing the damage. But that wasn't always possible, despite the police cordon. There was an enormous crowd to see the wreck of the giant gasworks.

The flak (anti-aircraft gunfire) used to make such a noise that you could hardly hear yourself speak. I thought no one would be able to see the munition works. They were painted black and some of them had branches on them to look like a forest.

But the English hit them all the same, and the workmen were very frightened. I know, because I used to play with their children.

I had to wear wooden shoes because I was not allowed to have leather ones. They are very scarce, and only the Nazi children can get them.

The people are fed up with the English because they keep everyone awake. They thought the war would be over this autumn. Now they say they will bomb England till it has no more aeroplanes and then invade it in the spring.

"What! No Peace?"

But they don't talk politics in the shelter. All they want in the shelter is to be able to sleep. How much longer is this going on? I heard them ask.

I was astonished to see that one could get shoes and clothes in Italy without ration cards. The food was better than in Stuttgart too.

But mummy and papa, who had been there for some time, said things were much scarcer in Italy now than they had been. And it is quite true; the macaroni was almost black.

They don't like the Germans in Italy, and they don't like the war. It was wonderful to see oranges on the trees. In Germany we did not even see oranges in the shops.

"England Will Win"

In the train on the way to Portugal through France there were some sailors in our carriage. They were Alsaticans, and spoke German. They said the navy would never surrender to the Germans and that England

was sure to win the war. I have never seen such poor-looking people as in Spain, or so many broken houses. And the Spaniards don't like the Germans either.

Some barefooted children picked up the crumbs from our sandwiches in the station. They were so astonished and glad to get them.

It is wonderful to be in Portugal. There is plenty to eat, the streets are full of happy people, and every one is pleasant to us. They like England here.

Write and tell me how it is in your shelter whether the English are as frightened as the Germans, whether you have enough to eat, and whether you have to wear wooden shoes like I did.

Much love and kisses
Your Rendel

MAN GIVEN 10S. 6D. FOR LOSS OF SLEEP

A London Transport rail employee who lost his sleep by attending Bow County Court was awarded 10s. 6d. costs by Judge Tudor Rees.

A solicitor said that the man should have been tested to get ready for night duty.

Judge Tudor Rees. What are you?

The Man: A fire guard.

The Judge: A fire guard?

The Man: Well, a fire watcher.

The Judge: And you lost your sleep through coming here. I will allow you half-a-guinea.

NEW HAIR STYLE DICTATED BY PIN FAMINE

ENGLISH GIRLS are going to lose those long, rolling curls soon. There is a scarcity of hairpins, and it is going to get worse. The metal is needed for Britain's war effort. Hairdressers are therefore designing new styles. Curls will not disappear altogether, but they will be shorter and tighter.

Mr. E. L. Gifford, managing director of a firm of hairdressers in London's West End, told a reporter:—

"I used to buy hairpins by the hundredweight. Now I am forced to buy them by the thousand."

"We have used over half a ton in our shops since the beginning of the war, but they are getting so scarce now that new hair styles dispensing with pins will have to be found."

"There is a definite tendency for hair to be shorter."

The New Style

"We have designed a style in which short tight curls take the place of hairpins."

"Straight hair from one side of the head is scraped over and interlaced with tight curls on the other side."

A well-known manufacturer said:

"We have great difficulty in ob-

taining the wire for the pins because it is being used for war purposes."

"We have had to ration our customers to one box of 1,000 pins at a time. The shortage is likely to continue for the duration."

For Export Only

Mr. R. A. Joseph, London general manager of Kirby Beard and Co., Ltd., the world's biggest manufacturers, said that the supply of all wire for the manufacture of grips and hairpins for the home trade was stopped about three months ago.

"We have a tremendous export trade," he said, "and we can get a fair amount of wire for that, but the home market must go without."

"Usually I keep 2,000 gross in stock in London."

"To-day I haven't even a sample card in the place."

WANTS MORE HATE FOR HUNS IN WAR EFFORT

"It is time a bit of healthy hate for the Hun crept into our war effort," declared Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, Director of Air Force Recruiting in Canada, in a speech at Kingston, Ontario. "Canada must win the war or perish," he added.—Reuter.

HEELS TO BE LOW!

Big changes in footwear styles including a ban on high heels and the manufacture of the sandal type of shoe — which is much favoured by women — are expected shortly.

All fancy footwear and decorative effects on shoes are expected to come under the ban.

"Utility" footwear is to be the aim, so that one pair of shoes will serve for various styles of dress.

An order imposing the ban is likely to be made soon by the Minister of Supply.

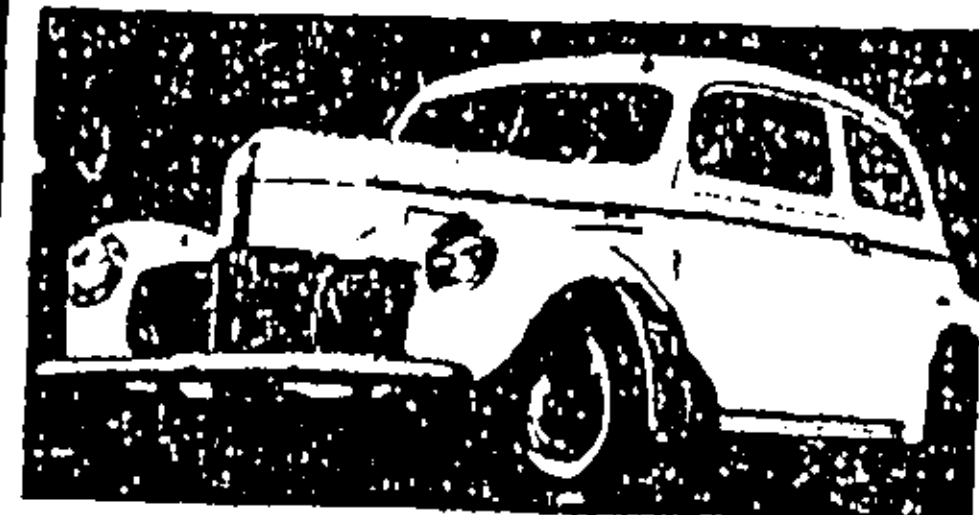
Manufacturers have been consulted on limitation of supply and the production of "utility" footwear which the manufacturers believe can be done without sacrificing design.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than 'six' and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

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24th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

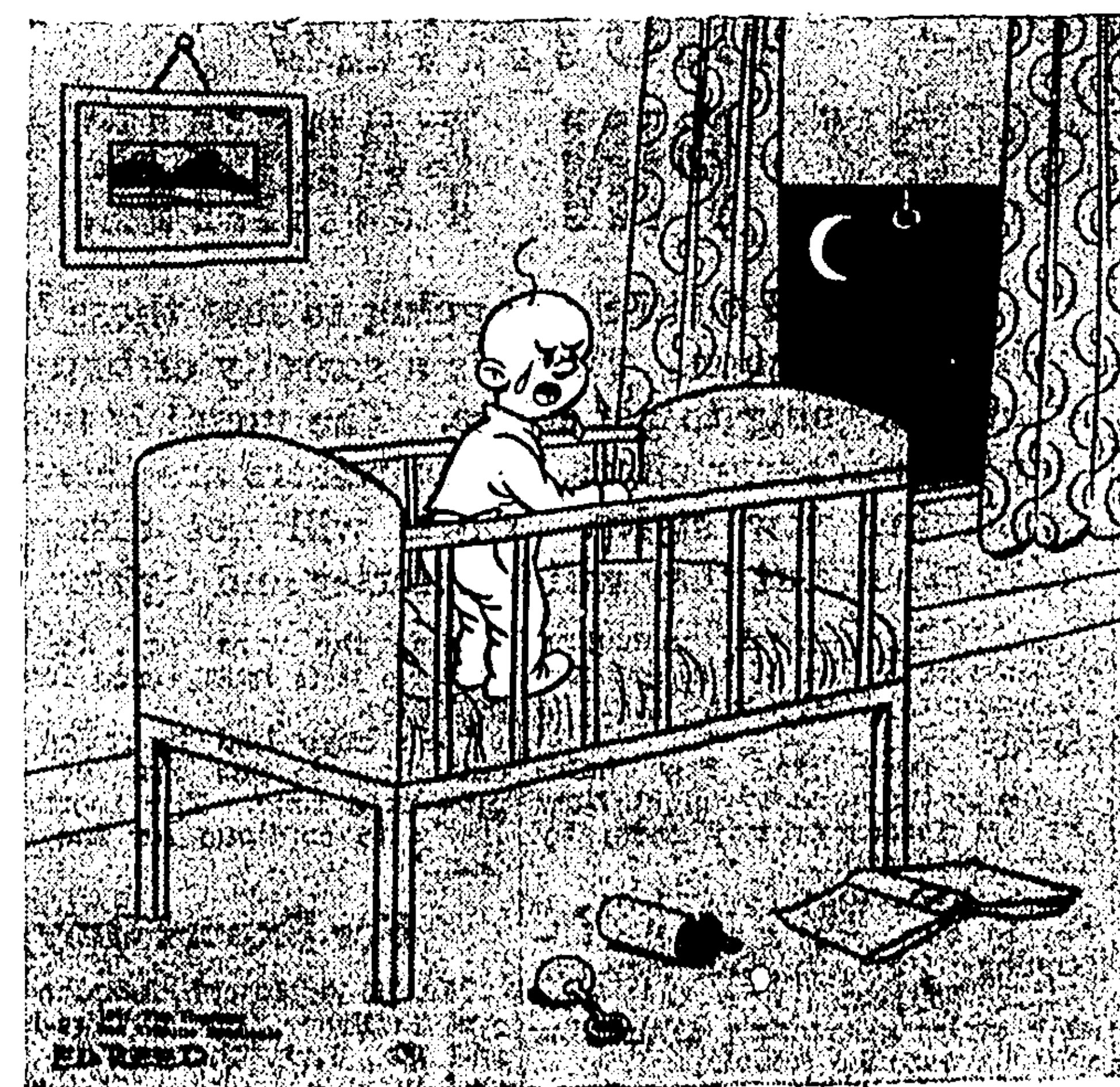
D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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BRIDGE NOTES

A Losing Slam Bid By The Four Aces

"Please clear up a point for us," is the plea of a Baltimore reader. "In the hand attached, North felt justified in bidding a Grand Slam on the theory that an opening two-bid guaranteed a great deal of high-card strength. South insists that she had a game if North had as little as the Jack of diamonds, and was therefore correct in opening with a two-bid. Who is right?"

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ A K J
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A K Q 9 1
♣ 5 4 3 2

♠ A 6
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 4 2
♣ K 4 3

♠ 6 5 2
♥ 7 6 5 3
♦ J 10 7 4
♣ 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

We agree with North. An opening two-bid should guarantee at least half of the high-card strength in the deck, largely to guard against just the sort of mishap which took place in this hand. Fine players all recognise that a large part of the burden in Slam bidding after an opening two-bid rests on the weak hand. The strong hand shows nearly all his strength in the opening bid of two; it is up to his partner to judge whether or not his support is sufficient to carry on to Slam.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 1

TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS

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an opening bid of one spade will therefore be passed out? A moment's reflection will show that chance is so negligible as to be disregarded. We think South must accept responsibility for the losing Slam because of the unwise two-bid.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 9 6
♥ K 4 3
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Partner	You	Howard
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♠	Pass

ANSWER Bid four spades. This extremely powerful bid invites a Slam if your partner has any top-card strength, and at the same time makes sure that a game is reached. No other bid so clearly describes the nature of the hand.

Score 100% for four spades, 50% for three hearts or three diamonds, 40% for three spades, 30% for three clubs.

Question No. 673

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ K 5 2
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Partner
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♥	Pass

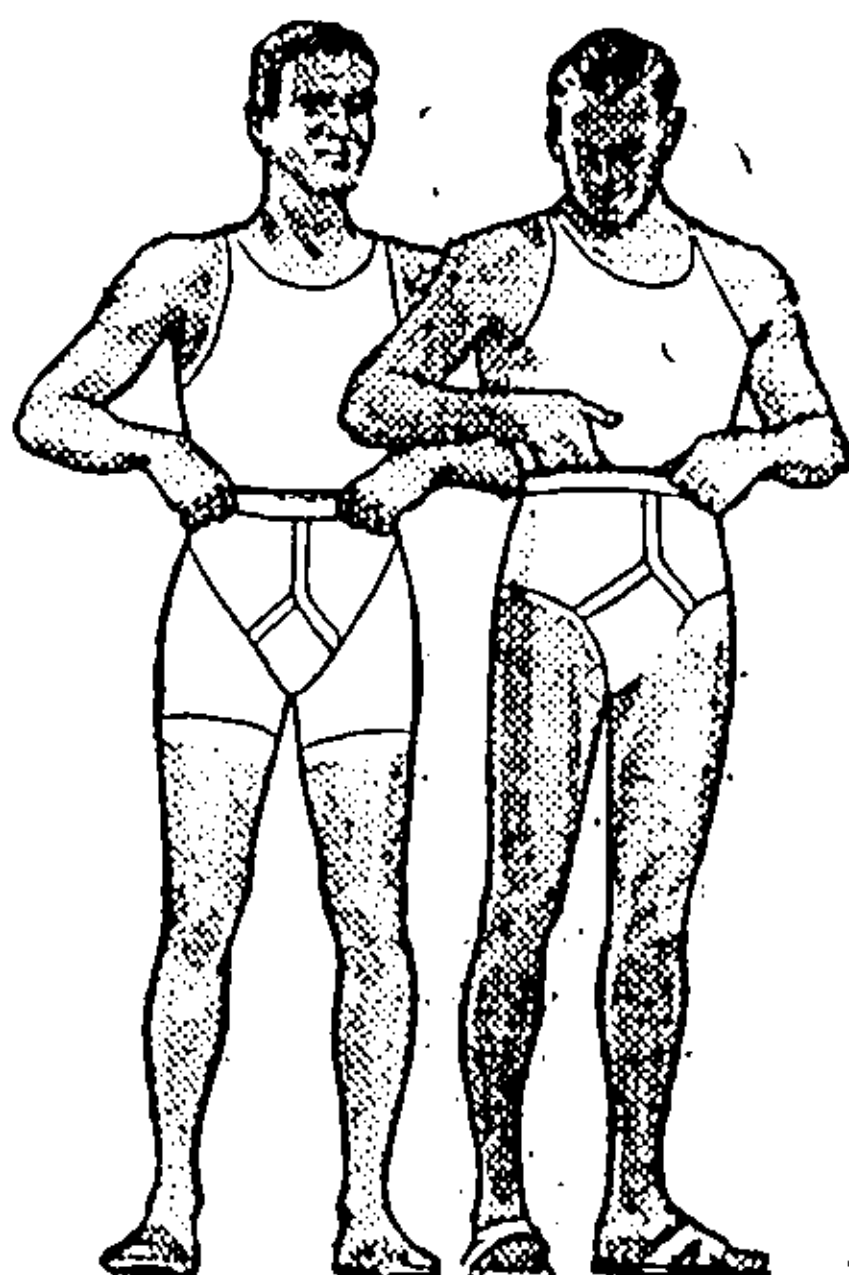
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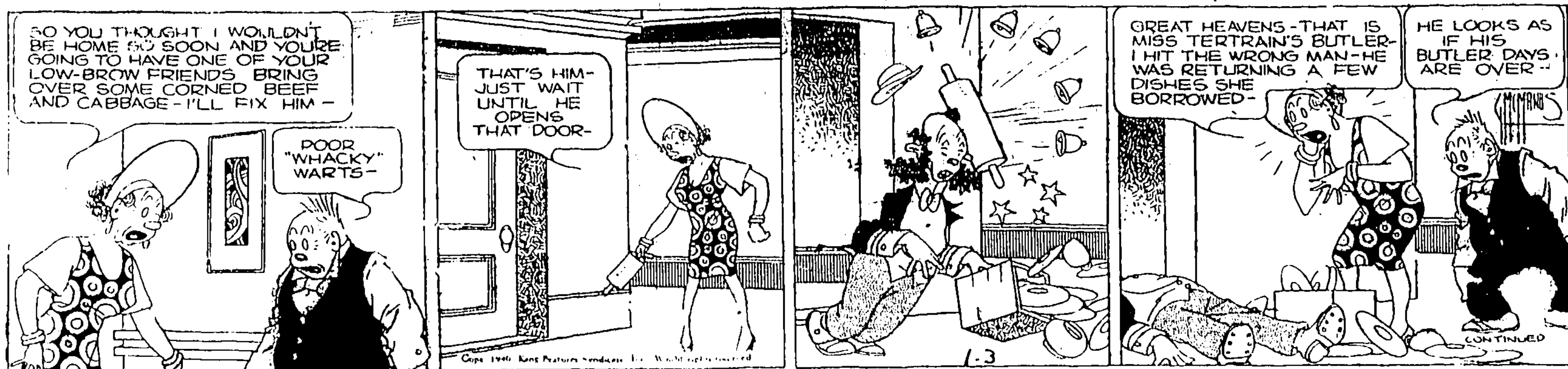
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Get Most Out Of Holiday

There is a bit of advice I would like to give those of you who are planning a holiday board the ship looking as attractive as you possibly can with a thoughtfully planned wardrobe and then you will get full benefit out of your holiday.

Many girls and women hope for the impossible. They go when they are dead tired thinking, "I'll rest on the boat," and they foolishly hope that the swimming or exercise they do during their holiday will slim them and make them beautiful! No such thing happens.

Things happen so fast on board that there is little time for any repairs of beauty or wardrobe! When you first enter the dining room you are quite aware of many eyes scrutinising you those eyes notice every detail of your personal appearance and are trying to determine whether you are one they want to know during the trip. They notice whether your hair is nicely dressed, if your clothes are appropriate, if your figure is well-groomed and pleasing in proportion. They are candid eyes and the first impression you make with them is very important. Your trip can be dull as anything if your shipmates don't like you!

Plan Well In Advance

Unless you are a veteran traveler it is best to plan well in advance of your trip. Either exercise at home to refashion your figure (if it requires stream lining) or go to a gym and do it. Remember you will want to wear sun suits, bathing suits, slacks (which should never be worn if your



PEGGY MORAN was chosen for "Caribbean Holiday" because her figure could stand "close-ups" while dressed in briefest swim suits!

hips are bulging), and evening gowns.

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Plan to give your hair and skin weekly treatments for a month or two to bring new beauty to them. If you need a permanent wave that at least ten days before you leave so it will be softened and natural looking. Go to the dentist and have the vital work done because it's no fun having a toothache in a foreign port and there is no dentist on board!

Be sure to stock your cosmetic bag with sufficient aids. You will need above all a couple of bottles of cream, a fluffy cleanser, a soother in case you do get sun-

burned, a depilatory and deodorant, a few eyepads, a well equipped manicure kit, a pair of good sun glasses, a scalp lubricant (sun robs hair of lustre you know), brush and comb, a few curlers to primp up with after a pool swim, protective turban for your hair and a brand new set of make-up. That means darker powder for tanned skin, a brilliant lipstick to go with tropical colours, rouge possibly, and a glamorous eye-shadow for night wear.

Your clothes should be all sport clothes for daytime and airy, summery evening dresses for night. The cover-up dinner dresses seem to be highly favoured and most comfortable. So ship-ahoy and a grand voyage for you with a dash of romance!

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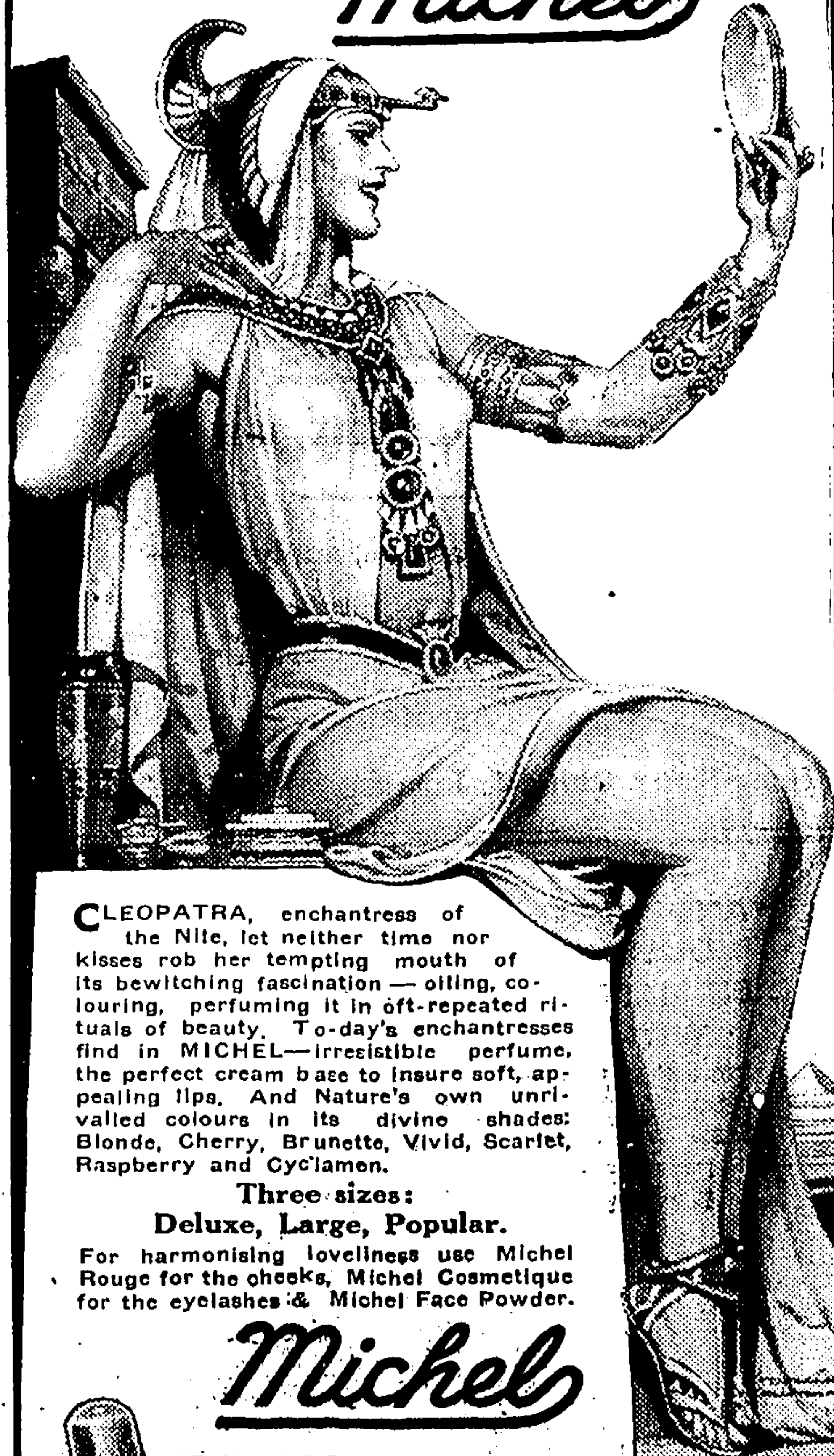
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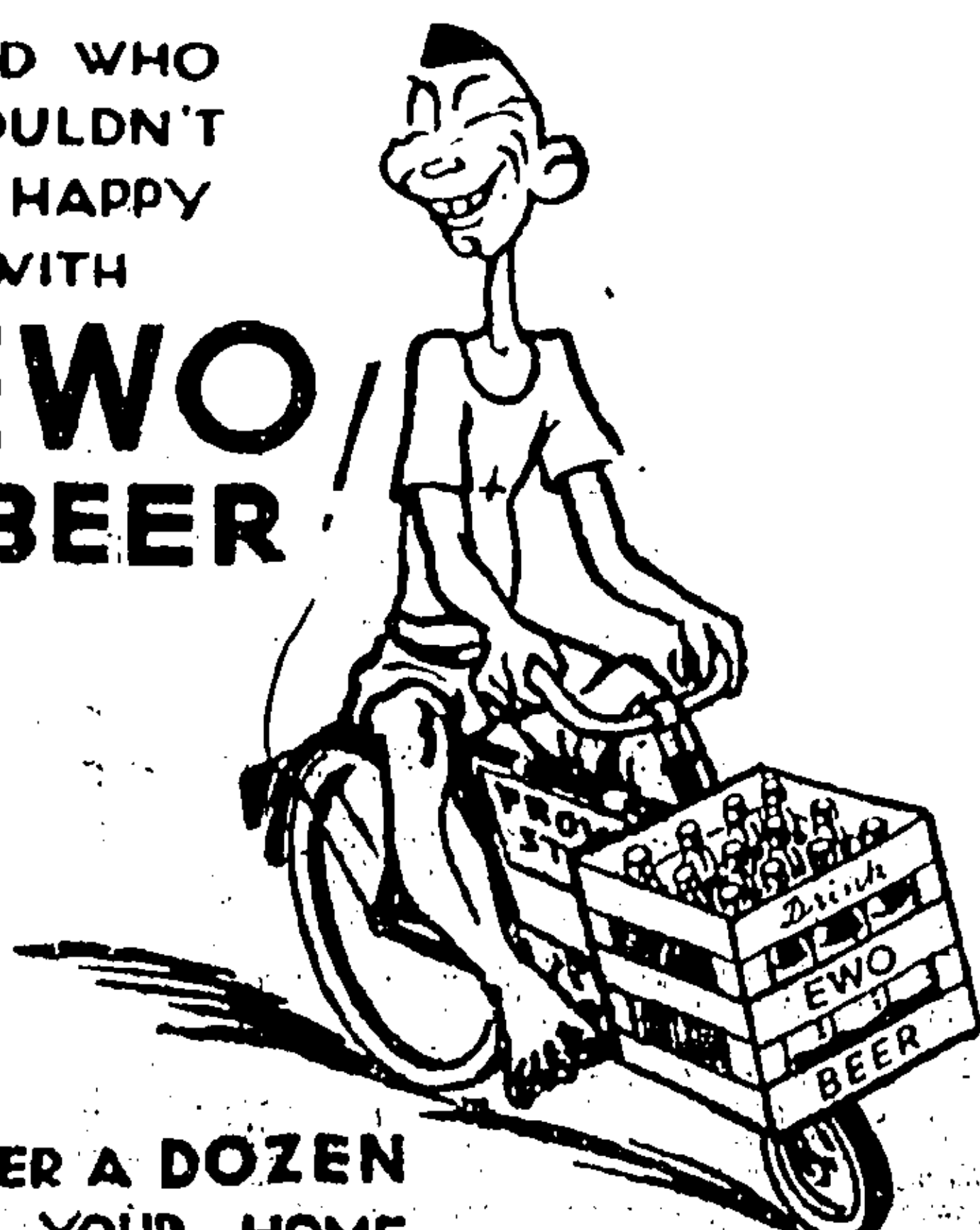
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Reg.,		26th 5.00 p.m.
Ord.,		27th 8.30 a.m.
Par.,	G.P.O.	26th 5.00 p.m.
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Ord.,		27th 8.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." K.P.O.

Reg.,	2.00 p.m.
Ord.,	2.30 p.m.

Reg.,	G.P.O.	2.00 p.m.
Ord.,		2.30 p.m.
Ceylon, India, East and South Africa		3.30 p.m.
Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta		3.30 p.m.

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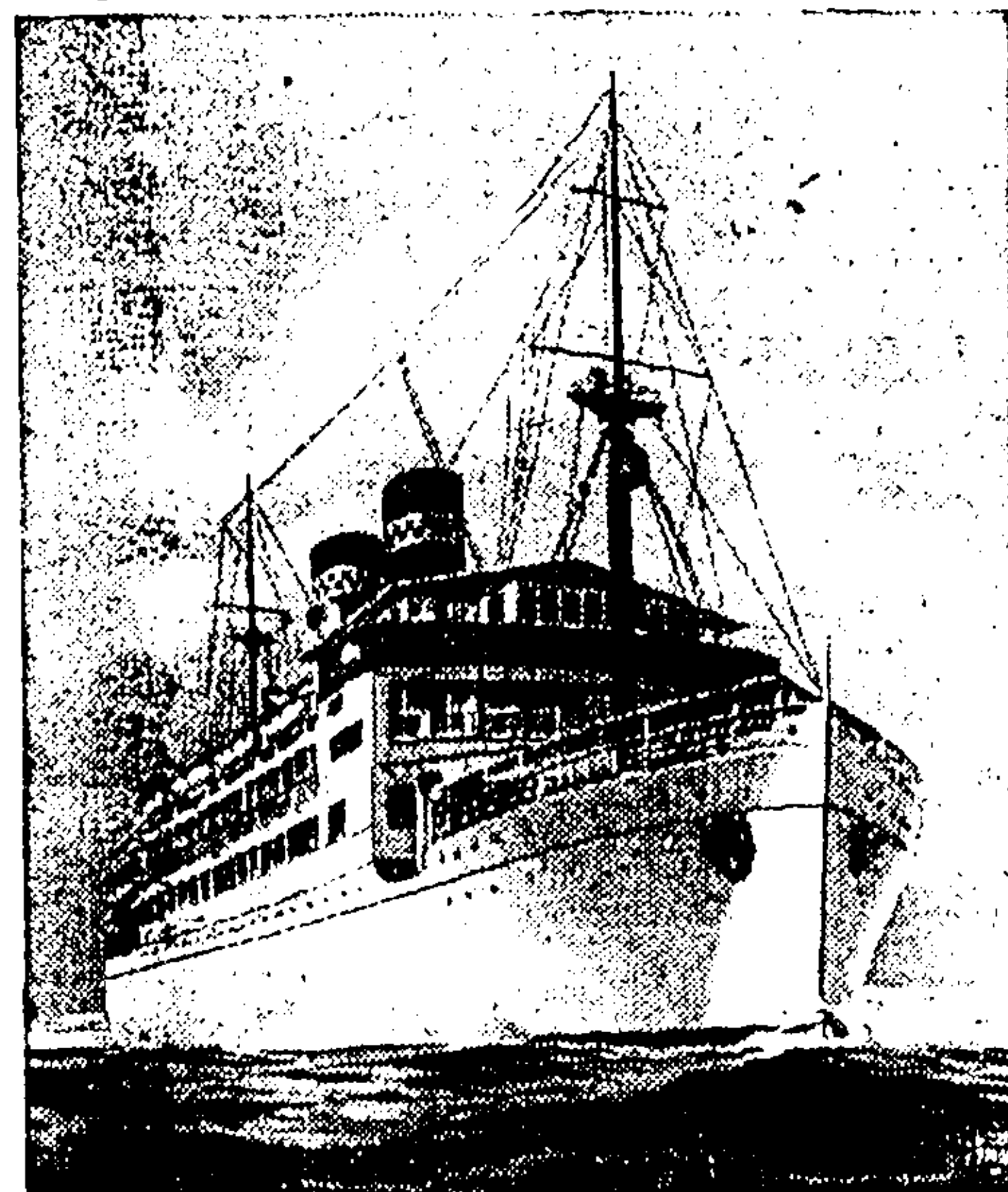
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Martial law may be necessary in Britain if the Germans land a big invasion force. In high military circles no doubt exists that Hitler will even yet try to carry out his threat to invade Britain.

Civil Defence Commissioners in all areas have recently perfected their plans to carry out the sectional government of the country in the unlikely event of districts being entirely cut off from the central Government in London.

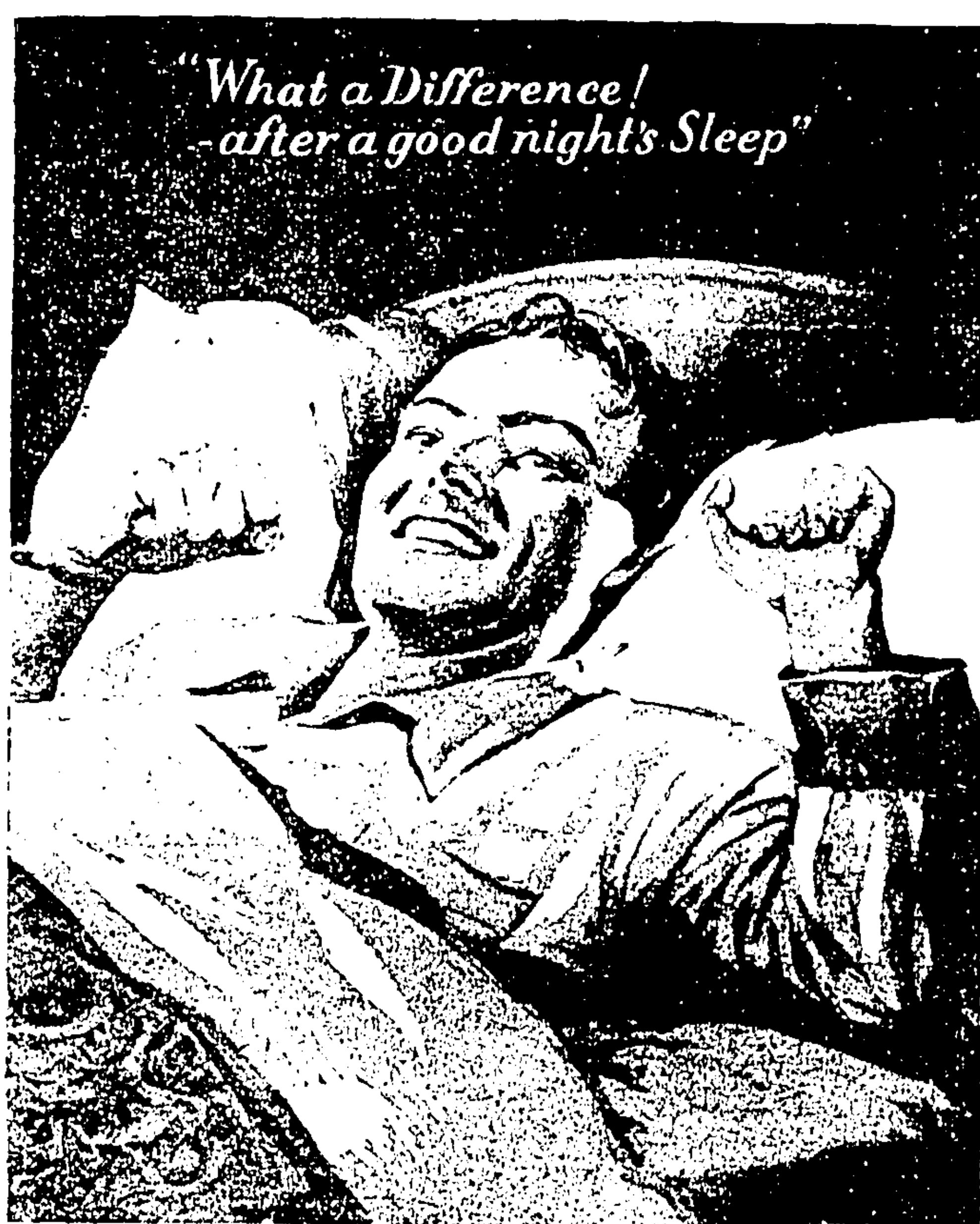
Military authorities are equally ready to put martial law into operation if the situation becomes so serious that civil administration must necessarily give way to swift tactical action in the national interests.

Whatever happens, it can be stated now that the civil authorities and the Army are ready.

"The time may come when we shall have to have martial law in certain areas," Lieutenant-General Sir Ronald F. Adam, Commander-in-Chief, Northern Command, told a reporter.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 20. Intro: Robins and Roses; Laughing Irish Eyes; A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody.

Kunz Revivals No. 13. Intro: When I grow too old to dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My dance; In the merry month of May; The girl with the dreamy eyes.

12.40 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections. My Little Grass Shack in Kealahou (Noble & Others); Hilo Hanakahi (Halekalea); Karui & Lulu (Hawaiian Novelty).

Blue Sparks: My South Sea Sweetheart; Misters' Hawaiian (Steel Guitar & Banjo); Aloha Beloved (Canfield & Others); Mauna Loa (Dale); Karui & Lulu (Hawaiian Novelty).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Weber—Fantasia on Melodies of Johann Strauss. Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trots: I'm Singing a Song for the Old Folks; Hear All, See All, Say Now!.

Quickstep—Fall in and Fly.

Waltz—Easy Street.

Fox-Trots—Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride; Change Partners (from 'Carefree'); It Ain't Nobody's Business What I Do; I Don't Want to Make History (from 'Palm Springs').

Waltz: By the Wishing Well.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—New Variety.

Piano: Sousa and Strauss in Reverse. A Musical Caricature. Alec Templeton.

Comedians Talking Shop; Bug and Stinker's 'Moment Musical'; Arthur Askey & Richard Murdoch Organ; Childhood Memories (arr. De Grey Somers); Reginald Foort; Vocal: Shake down the Stars (De Lange, Van Heusen); Tuggerly Bo (Halliday); Elsie (Carlsie) with Instrumental ace.

Vocal: Devil May Care (Baker-Warrent). When the Swallows come back to Capistrano (Rene) Dick Todd with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Britain Speaks' Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

Overture: The Merry Wives of Windsor (Nicolai); The BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

Chauve-Souris. Duet from Pique Dame (Tchaikovsky); Eugene Safonova and Finalda Erchova with the Cambridge Theatre Orchestra.

From Foreign Parts: A Funny Story. Catch Me if You Can, Entertaining Child (from Schumann's 'Scenes from Childhood') Yves Nat (Piano).

Minuet (Boccherini); Gavotte in E (for Strings) (Bach); The Walter String Players.

Ombra Mai Fu ('Xerxes')—Handel; Enrico Caruso (Tenor).

Traumeret (Schumann); Edwin H. Lemare (Organ).

Abendlied (Schumann); Tarantella (Sarasate); Manuel Quiroga (Violin) with Piano.

Eugen Onegin (Tchaikovsky)—Po. Ionaise; Waltz: State Opera Orch.

Oriental Prayer ('Lakme')—Delibes; Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus.

Poupee Valsante (Poldini); Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano.

Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette') Suite—Tchaikovsky.

Rawicz & Landauer (Two Pianos).

Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Columbia Symphony Orchestra.

I Love Thee (Grieg); Parted (Tosti); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.

Comin' Thro' The Rye (Trad.); The Bonnie, Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomond (Trad.); Dora Lobbett (Soprano) with Piano.

Foursome. Intro: Highland Whisky; Jenny Dang the Weaver—Reel; Lady Mary Ramsay—Strathspey; Reel o' Tulloch—Reel—Meredith-Kay & His Orchestra.

When the Kaye Comes Home... Frank Gordon (Bass-Baritone) with Piano.

Sword Dance (Callum).... Highland Military Band.

In Hebridean Seas (from 'Songs of the Hebrides')—Kennedy-Fraser.... Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) with Piano.

Skirt Dance—Woodland Flowers.... Highland Military Band.

Bonnie Mary of Argyle (Trad.); The Bloom is on the Rye (Fitzball-Bishop).... Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scotts Abroad'.

10.15 p.m.—Compositions of Rachmaninoff.

Folk De W.R.... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano).

O Cease Thy Singing... Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra and Electronic.

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Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5; Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2.... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.

Concerto No. 1 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 1—1st Mov: Vivace; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Allegro vivace.... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Orchestra cond. by Eugene Ormandy.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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Much of the success of R.A.F. advances in the science of air photography, both day and night, is due to technical developments in British cameras and lenses. Germany's one-time lead in this field has now been reversed and from the evidence of captured Nazi aircraft it can be safely said that the new British equipment is appreciably better than that of the enemy R.A.F. cameras are smaller and more easily handled than those used in the Luftwaffe. And, too, many of the new problems created by modern high-flying requirements, such as freezing and lens clouding, have been successfully solved by ingenious systems of electrical heating, and by the fitting of optical flats and perspective windows.

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Winter Season Drawing To Close

By "Squaddy"

THE Command Tug-of-War Punjab Regt. Tournament commences on April 1 and there are two weights, 110 stone and 130 stone. This year there is only one draw for both weights, so as to enable both teams to travel together and save expenses. Last year's winners, 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. of both weights, have been drawn against the Royal Scots and should have no difficulty in entering into the Semi-Final. The draw for the tournament is as follows:

1ST ROUND
 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. v 1st HK Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. v 5th Rajput Regt.
 2nd Royal Scots v 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.
 1st Middlesex Regt. v 2nd 14th

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
 Rugby Large Units League
 Royal Engineers v Royal Artillery (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)

TO-MORROW
 Cricket—Large Units Final
 Royal Engineers v Combined Small Units (Sookunpoo, 2.00 p.m.)
 Football—Royal Artillery Cup Final
 20th Hvy. Bty. R.A. v 30th Hvy. Bty. R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)

THURSDAY
 Cricket—Large Units Final
 Royal Engineers v Combined Small Units (Sookunpoo, 2.00 p.m.)

SATURDAY
 Football—(1st Division)
 Royal Scots v H.K. Police (Boundary St. Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)

SUNDAY
 Football—(Governor's Cup)
 H.K.F.A. v C.A.A. Federation (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

HOME RACING STARTS TO-MORROW

JOCKEYS IN SERVICE GREATCOATS

Shorn of the usual peacetime glamour and bound by restrictions through wartime conditions the flat racing season begins with the Lincolnshire Handicap at Lincoln to-morrow.

Despite the anti-sport element, which has been responsible for the cancellation of the Grand National, one of the biggest turf spectacles of the world with the exception of the Epsom Derby, the fact that racing has overcome more obstacles in the past nine months than in its whole history proves that it is general-

ly required both as a successful breeding industry and for relaxation of all participating in the war effort.

All Types Of Owners

In spite of conditions which require the rationing of food-stuffs, even for the reduced number of horses in training, there is great optimism and owners of all types, varying from a peer, who was formerly Secretary of State for India, to a Doncaster publican, are competing for the first big prize.

Transport difficulty will naturally restrict the attendance at the meeting at which Khaki and Air Force blue will provide a splash of colour, and many jockeys will parade in the Paddock with Air Force or Army greatcoats over their silks. — Reuter.

—Middlesex—at the end of the season.

HOCKEY

THE Final of the Small Units Hockey Competition was played on Saturday at Sookunpoo and was won by the 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A., who defeated 3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A., by two goals to nil after a goalless first half.

At the conclusion of the game the prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Meleod. The Large Units Hockey League is nearly finished and the winners are the Middlesex Regt. who are seven points in the lead of the Rajput Regt. who cannot overtake them even if they win all their remaining matches.

LARGE UNITS LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Middlesex Regt.	9	8	0	1	17
Rajputs	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	7	3	1	3	9
30th A.A. Regt., R.A.	6	3	1	2	8
Royal Scots	6	1	4	1	3
8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	7	2	4	1	5
H.K.S.R.A.	6	1	3	2	4
Royal Engineers	7	2	5	0	4
2/14th Punjabs	5	1	2	2	4
Combined Small Units	6	0	4	2	2

SNOOKER

THE Medical Corps added another trophy to their Billiards and Snooker collection by defeating Royal Engineers Sgts. last Thursday in the last game of the Garrison Snooker League.

The Final position of all teams was as follows:

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	14	9	1	4	56
R.E. Sgts.	14	9	3	2	55
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	14	6	3	5	46
C.M. Police	14	3	4	7	41
R.E. "A" Team	14	2	5	7	39
R.A.P.C.	14	3	6	5	35
Signals "A" Team	14	3	8	3	33
Signals Cpls.	14	2	7	5	32

RUGBY

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo only one game is being played in the Large Units' Rugby League and that between Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery. This should be an interesting match to watch as both teams are on top, although the Engineers have a big lead in points.

The Engineers have not yet lost a match in this competition.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Royal Engineers	6	6	0	0	12
Royal Artillery	5	3	2	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined Small Units	5	0	4	1	1

CRICKET

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday and Thursday the Final of the Large Units Cricket Competition will be played between Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units commencing at 2 p.m. each day.

Last week the Royal Engineers defeated Royal Artillery in the Semi-Final by eleven runs.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis championship programme:

Open Singles
 Tsui Yan-pui v C. H. R. Oxlade (5)
 Tsui Wan-pui v O. Rumbahn (8)

Club Championship
 H. Van Leeuwen v C. W. Sewell (6)
 H. J. Armstrong v A. H. Barwell (7)

Club Handicap Singles
 F. D. Hunter (plus 2/6) v S. E. Lavoie (plus 2/6)
 J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) (1)

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
 A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church (-3/6) v R. E. Guest and Mrs. Lambert Baker (-15/2) (2)
 Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dalziel (-3/6) (3)
 V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (-4/6) v H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell (-3/6) (4)

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. at League Cricket on Saturday:

1st XI v University (Home).
 J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Perry, R. H. Griffiths, E. W. Pudney, N. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.

2nd XI v Kowloon C.C. (Away).
 —H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. Mitchell, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson.

D. S. ROBB'S ELEVEN
 The following will play for D. S. Robb's XI against T. A. Pearce's Army XI at the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m.

D. S. Robb, C. W. E. Bishop, H. J. Armstrong, N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, J. Hackney, W. G. Finnie, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, E. W. Pudney and R. S. W. Paterson.

WAH YAN COLLEGE SPORTS TO-DAY

The 16th Annual Athletic meeting of the Wah Yan College will be held at Caroline Hill, commencing at 1 p.m. to-day. Mrs. M. B. Costello, will distribute the prizes, at the conclusion of the sports.

SUNDAY'S BOWLS

The Lawn Bowls Match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Northumberland and Durham Association which was to have taken place on the 16th and was postponed on account of the weather, has now been arranged for Sunday at K.C.C.

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feet 7 inches. Pte. Bindon clearing 5 feet 4 inches. He might have done better but stopped. Times and distances set up at last year's Command meeting were:

Throwing the Discus 203 ft. 1 1/2 in. (Middlesex Regt. team)
 Putting the Weight 71 ft. (Team H.K.S.R.A.)
 Throwing the Hammer 235 ft. 5 ins. (2 Royal Scots)
 Long Jump 39 ft. 10 ins. (5/6th Rajputana Rifles team)
 High Jump Team The 10 ft. 6 ins. (5th A.A. Regt. R.A. and 8th Hvy. Regt. R.A.)
 Throwing the Javelin 317 ft. 8 1/2 ins. (1st Middlesex Regt.)
 Three Miles Team race 16 mins. 21 secs. (5/6th Rajputana Rifles)
 The Pole Vault 18 ft. 19 in. (H.K.S.R.A.)
 2 Miles Relay 8 mins. 4 1/2 secs. (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
 880 Yards Relay 1 min. 39 secs. (1st Middlesex Regt.)
 1 Mile Team Race (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
 400 Yards Hurdles Relay 1 min. 11 secs. (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
 1 Mile Relay 3 mins. 41 secs. (Royal Scots)
 440 Yards Relay 46-2/5 secs. (1st Middlesex Regt.)
 110 Stone Tug-of-War (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
 130 Stone Tug-of-War (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)

INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS
 Throwing Discus: 110 ft. 1 in.
 High Jump: 5 ft. 4 ins.
 Long Jump: 20 ft. 11 ins.
 Pole Vault: 10 ft. 2 ins.
 Javelin: 177 ft.
 Putting Weight: 36 ft. 4 ins.
 Hammer: 117 ft. 2 ins.

BOXING

THE Command Boxing Inter-Unit Competition will take place at Murray Barracks on April 8, 9 and 10 commencing at 8.30 p.m. each night.

The following have entered for the competition:

2nd Royal Scots.
 1st Middlesex Regiment.
 Royal Artillery.
 Combined Small Units (Provisional) if they can raise a team.
 If the four teams can enter it will be the first time that four teams have fought for a good many years and it would make the competition more open.

FOOTBALL

TO-morrow, at Sookunpoo, the Final of the Royal Artillery Football Cup will be played between 20th Bty., R.A., and 30th Bty., R.A.

The Royal Army Service Corps have entered the Final of the Junior Shield and will meet South China in the Final, this should prove a good game and I think that Service Corps should be able to pull off this competition, and enable this shield which was won last year by 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A., to remain with Army.

Now that the end of the season is drawing near and the Middlesex Regt. have only one more match to play, and that against the Club, they are certain to finish fourth in First Division. It is suggested that the Champion Chinese eleven, South China, play against the best European eleven

KOH'S FINE FEAT; IMPRESSIVE DEBUT OF M.P. YOONG

Hooi And Miss Khoo Play Well

BADMINTON OF THE very highest order was seen at Kowloon Cricket Club last night when a large programme was successfully disposed of.

Highlight of the evening was the defeat of C. Au, runner-up last year and who beat Henry Eardley in the previous round in the current tournament, at the hands of his club-mate, F. Koh.

The latter played powerful all-round badminton which forced Au into errors, and was good value for his win.

The senior doubles match between the Yoongs, and Amplavanar and Cheah provided evidence of another possible threat to the singles crown. If M. P. Yoong is as good at the singles game as he is at doubles, he should provide a strong challenge for the title.

He was the outstanding player on the court last night and, well supported by his brother, there was never any doubt as to the outcome of the match.

Former Champions Impress

The junior singles and the first mixed match were not very interesting but there were some thrilling rallies in the second match in which former title-holders P. K. Hooi and Miss Ulan Khoo beat the powerful Recreo combination of J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva.

Hooi was in brilliant form and with Miss Khoo tucking away anything loose at the net, the University pair established their superiority after a great first game and settled down to play faultless badminton and win the second game at 15-7.

Results

Following were the results:
SENIOR SINGLES—F. Koh beat C. Au, 15-9, 15-10.
SENIOR DOUBLES—M. P. and Y. P. Yoong beat S. Amplavanar and C. K. Cheah, 15-10, 15-4.
JUNIOR SINGLES—Peter Lo beat R. M. Lavalle, 15-1, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES—P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro beat J. Odell and Miss J. Choa, 15-4, 15-2; P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva, 17-14, 15-7.

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's badminton Championship programme:

AT TAIKOO

Junior Singles

J. Odell v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).
P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale (8.45 p.m.).
D. Chelliah v W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

Junior Doubles

R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (9.30 p.m.).

DATE FOR LADIES HOCKEY SEVENS FIXED

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Women's Hockey Association was held yesterday.

It was decided that the Seven-a-Side Tournament be held on April 5 at 3 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground, if available, or on the Central British Association ground. No gate will be charged, but a collection will be made during the afternoon for the "S. C. M. Post" Bomber Fund.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Hong Kong Umpires Association asking for umpires for the afternoon.

As the local football season is nearing its conclusion, "Judge's" football problems and answers have now been discontinued. This feature will probably be continued at the commencement of next season.

MACAULAY'S ONLY TEST APPEARANCE

A soaked cricket shirt hanging over the rail of the players dressing-room veranda at Leeds. . .

I saw it dripping wet as clearly as I heard the B. B. C. announcer ending Saturday night's nine o'clock news bulletin with the news that Pilot-Officer George G. Macaulay, the Yorkshire cricketer, had died on active service, writes L. V. Manning.

I also saw a vast, perspiring, shirt-sleeved crowd waving hats and newspapers and heard again the Yorkshire roar as a dark-haired, weary cricketer climbed the pavilion steps on his way back from the bravest rescue innings I remember in a Test—a bowler who had saved England from crushing defeat with his bat and was never asked to play again!

A Noble "Tail"

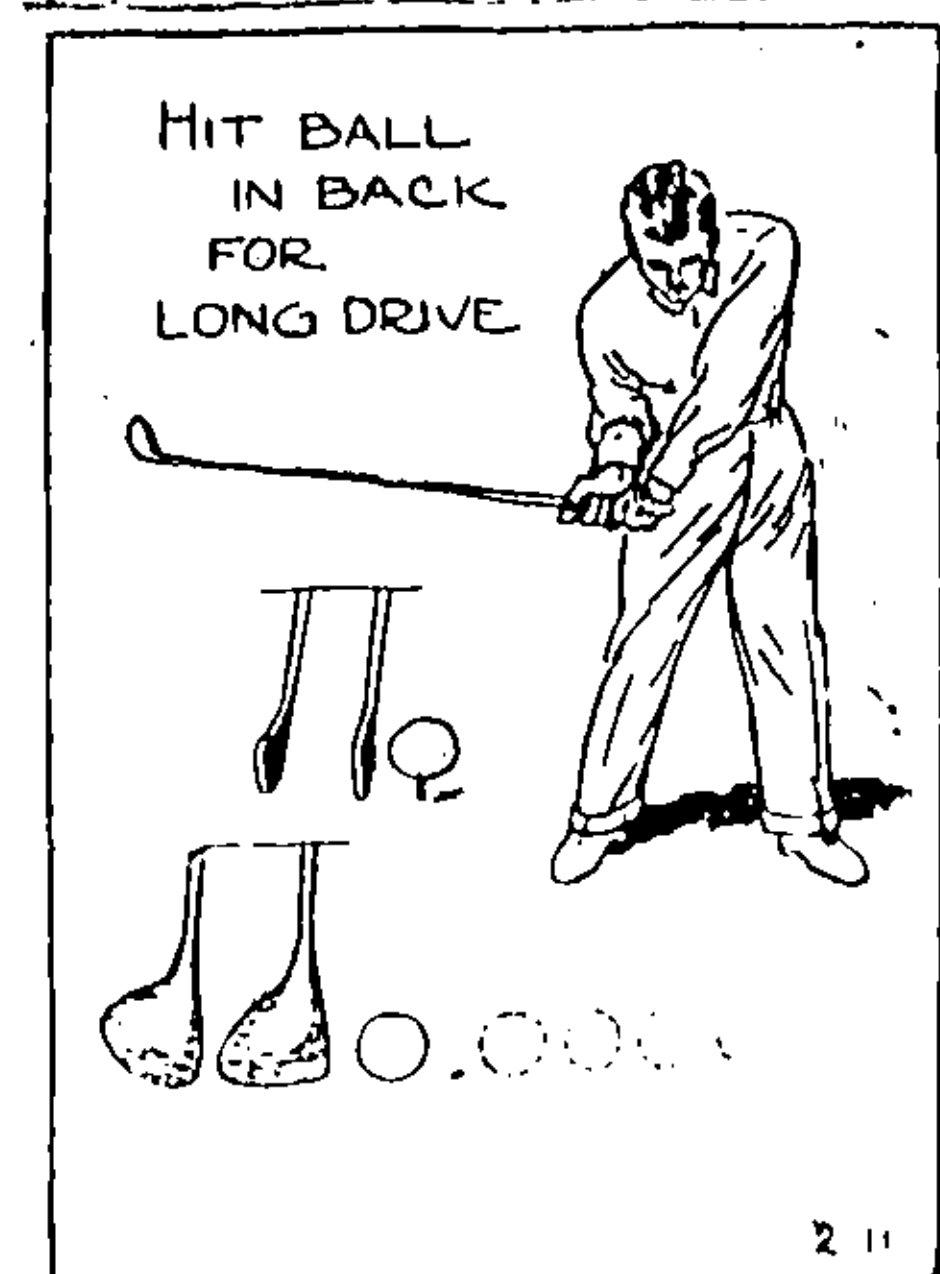
The bat and the shirt were George Macaulay's. The match the crazy heatwave Headingly Test of 1928, known to historians as Macartney's match—which is a gross injustice to the other "Mac." Never has there been such a noble tail wriggle by a humiliated England.

An epic ninth-wicket stand yielded 108 runs (Macaulay 76) and gave England her honourable draw.

First-And Last

It was the Yorkshireman's first Test match—and his last. Perhaps it was as well, for George never before or after touched such Olym-

GRAPHIC GOLF



DISTANCE IMPACT

BY BEST BALL

The golfer who desires distance can follow no better procedure than hitting the ball straight in the back with a sweeping blow. This necessitates approaching the ball with the clubhead travelling close to the ground and parallel with it prior to impact. Hit square to the line in this fashion the ball will travel a low trajectory and have a considerable roll left when it finally comes to earth. Cyril Tolley used to gain considerable distance by contacting the ball slightly on the upswing which added a forward roll to the ball. However, for the rank and file of players the straight in the back method affords a more accurately struck ball. The loft of the club will make the ball rise.

For quick stopping shots, on the other hand, the player should hit down on the ball adding backspin. This reverse spin acts as a brake to the ball when it comes to earth, stopping the sphere within a comparatively short space of its landing spot.

Next Article:—The Putting Path.

plan heights of pure batsmanship as England's sorry plight inspired that day.

It had in it something of Macartney's audacity, Bradman's machine-accuracy on the same wicket in 1930 and 1934, and Len Hutton's monumental Oval obstinacy in 1936.

And it was played on a rain-

CALIENTE STILL DEBATING REAL JOCKEY WINNER

Down at Caliente, in old Mexico, they're still thrashing out the 1940 jockey race, captured by Earl Dew with 287 winners, writes an American correspondent. Dew is a great favourite at the Tijuana track, and they resent the charge credited to his rival, Walter Lee Taylor, that the champion enjoyed an unfair advantage by riding in 10-race programmes south of the border.

Caliente sees no reason why Dew's races shouldn't count, since they're conducted under authorisation of the Jockey Club of New York.

Caliente also points out that while Dew was enjoying this "unfair advantage," he was riding only one day a week at Caliente in the late spring, while Taylor was racing six days in the east. Officials say the little Idowan rode in about 100 less races than Taylor, had a much higher percentage of winners.

ruined wicket from which the top had been irretrievably destroyed by the heavy traffic of the Australian innings. I heard a 20 to 1 bet taken at the Griffin on an England defeat by a Yorkshireman who said: "That's forgotten oor George."

The Secret Recipe

Ken Farnes lost his job at a bank through running away to watch a Test match.

George Macaulay also deserted a safe bank job for a cricket career.

He had a 15-year innings and it would have been longer had he not declared it closed through the rheumatism from which he was a chronic sufferer until miraculously cured by a mysterious recipe sent him by an unknown woman.

Later, the story of that cure crept into a broadcast by Bertie Lawton, famous old Derbyshire cricketer, with astonishing results.

For days the B. B. C., Lawton, and Macaulay were bombarded with thousands of requests and even demands for the cure.

I am not sure whether "Mac" saw the financial possibilities of an unrehearsed situation, but if he didn't make a fortune out of marketing that recipe he certainly might have done.

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Conference At Kremlin With M. Molotov

FRENCH CONVOY PASSES OUT OF GIBRALTAR

A convoy of French ships, escorted by destroyers, passed through the Straits of Gibraltar heading for the South Atlantic yesterday afternoon, according to a Tanger telegram to the Italian News Agency.

The Agency adds that the British blockade authorities did not try to stop the convoy. — Reuter.

MENZIES' STAY TO BE PROLONGED

Mr. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, is extending his stay in Great Britain.

In London yesterday, after his provincial tour, he said he hoped to meet members of the Trade Union Congress and to visit North and South Ireland and have a conversation with Mr. De Valera.

On his return journey, via the United States and Canada, he will call on President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King.

Mr. Menzies added that the general impression he would take

Presents For Moscow's Leaders

AFTER LUNCHING yesterday with von der Schulenberg, the German Ambassador at the German Embassy, Mr. Matsuoka, accompanied by Lieut. General Tatekawa, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, called upon M. Molotov.

The meeting took place at the Kremlin and M. Stalin was present at the interview.

With M. Molotov also was the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Matsuoka later attended a reception to the diplomats of the countries adhering to the Tripartite Alliance, held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence.

Previously, the Japanese Foreign Minister had sent presents to Stalin and Molotov through the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs.

The gift for M. Stalin was a thirteenth-century Japanese screen decorated with hunting scenes, while that for M. Molotov was a lacquer box on which a Japanese shrine was painted in gold and silver. — Reuter.

NAIROBI MURDER TRIAL

AN AFTER-LUNCH SCENE IN WHICH SIR DELVES BROUGHTON IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BURST OUT INTO TEARS AFTER SAYING HOW UPSET HE WAS ABOUT LORD ERROL'S DEATH FOR LADY BROUGHTON'S SAKE, WAS RELATED IN EVIDENCE AT THE CONTINUED HEARING OF THE CHARGE AGAINST SIR DELVES OF MURDERING LORD ERROL, AT NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

Reference was also made to an incident at dinner on the night before the tragedy, when it is alleged, Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Errol and wished them every happiness in future.

The subject of an heir was mentioned and Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Errol and their future child. — Reuter.

back to Australia was that he had a good story to tell of what Britain was doing and it had been well worth coming over to see. — Reuter.

SOVIET'S FAR EAST ARMY CHIEF

General Joseph Apanasenko has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, says a Moscow despatch to the official German News Agency in Berlin yesterday.

General Apanasenko was formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Central Asia military district and was promoted to general only a month ago.

The previous Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, General Gregory Stern, won the title of "Hero of the Soviet" for successes over the Japanese. — Reuter.

BRITISH WARNING NOTE TO YUGOSLAVIA OF NO EFFECT

(Continued from Page 11) broadcast yesterday by Athens Radio declared:

"THE GREEK PEOPLE REFUSES TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVIAN PEOPLE COULD EVER ACCEPT A CONDITION SO HUMILIATING TO THEMSELVES OR SO INIMICAL TO GREECE."

Ministers Leave

Later. The Yugoslav Prime Minister, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, have left Belgrade for Germany, accompanied by van Herren, the German Minister, according to a Belgrade despatch to the German News Agency.

Many members of the Government, says the report, including the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Matchek, and the Hungarian and Italian Ministers, and members of the German Legation staff, were present at the station to see them off.

Public Left In Complete Ignorance

Dr. Matchek, Vice Prime Minister and Croat Leader, will be present at the signing of the Yugoslav-German Pact. He will leave for Vienna by air to-day.

The special train taking the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to Germany is most carefully guarded, and precautions have been taken throughout the capital in case of demonstrations. The Yugoslav public are still

While nothing official has been disclosed in London regarding the position of the Chinese Stabilisation Fund, it is believed that Britain naturally wishes to ensure any Sterling credits to the fund against "high-jacking" through Nanking notes which have been forced on Shanghai and against any other undesirable dissipation.

If given satisfactory assurances in this connection, it is understood that Sterling credits to the Fund would undoubtedly be implemented. — Reuter.

Reuters have been authorised to make the following statement: "The Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China announces that owing to damage caused by yesterday's bombing of the bank's premises, the offices of the Bank will be temporarily closed for repairs." — Reuter.

It is pointed out in Far Eastern circles in London that, in any case, the main task of supporting the Chinese Dollar is being shouldered by the United States, whose one hundred-million dollar credit amply secures the Chinese Currency against depreciation by Nanking or Tokyo.

With this credit, it is believed in London that the Chinese Stabilisation Fund could easily support or rally the Chinese Dollar whenever the Fund thinks fit to do so.

Negotiations were said to be proceeding to prevent Sterling help to the Fund from feeding the Shanghai market which, it was pointed out, was the main remaining loop-hole in the Sterling Exchange Control. — Reuter.



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BRITISH WARNING NOTE TO YUGOSLAVIA OF NO EFFECT

GRAVE ITALIAN LOSSES

Artillery activity was lively on both sides in Albania yesterday.

"Several enemy batteries were silenced," says a Greek Press Ministry statement and the Athenian Radio last night.

"In the region of Apos and the Apos River in the Central sector, the Italians launched a local attack which met with heavy fire from our lines before it could develop. The Italians again suffered extremely heavy casualties."

Information given by Italian prisoners confirms that General Cavallero has ceased to command the Italian Army in Albania and that General Geloso is the new Commander-in-Chief.

The prisoners also state that the Second Regiment of the Bersaglieri was badly smashed up in the battle of Klissura, losing more than fifty per cent. of its effectives. A battalion of 800 Alpine troops was left with only two officers and eighty men. — Reuter.

RECORDS SHATTERED

Shattering all records for passage of legislation, the United States Senate passed the Bill authorising the appropriation of \$7,000,000,000 to implement the Lease and Lend Act for aiding the Democracies.

After only half an hour of unexciting debate, the Bill was passed by 67 votes to nine.

No change was made and so the Act remains in the same form as it passed last week by the House of Representatives. It now awaits the President's signature. — Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON MALTA

LARGE FORMATIONS OF GERMAN BOMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY FIGHTERS, PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON MALTA ON SUNDAY, AND THIRTEEN OF THEIR PLANES WERE DESTROYED, STATES AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED IN CAIRO.

LITTLE DAMAGE WAS DONE DURING THE RAID. — REUTER.

To Sign Pact With Axis Against Country's Wishes

ALTHOUGH INTIMATIONS FROM BELGRADE SUGGEST THAT THE GESTURE IS TOO LATE AND THAT YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SURRENDER TO GERMAN PRESSURE AGAINST THE VIGOROUSLY EXPRESSED POPULAR FEELING IN THE COUNTRY, THE BRITISH MINISTER IN BELGRADE, ON INSTRUCTIONS, YESTERDAY HANDED A NOTE TO THE YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT.

MOSCOW AND ANKARA AFFIRM FRIENDSHIP

It is confirmed in Moscow that the Turkish Government has handed the Soviet Government a Note through the Turkish Ambassador in Moscow, giving assurances similar to those which, it is also confirmed, were recently given by Russia to Turkey.

It is possible that the Notes will be published in both capitals simultaneously. — Reuter.

Pro-Nazi In Charge Of Radio

Reports reaching London from Belgrade state that the Board of Directors of the Belgrade Radio Station has been dissolved by order of the Government and a State Commissar installed.

He is stated to be M. Jovanovitch, formerly Chief Censor, and known for his Pro-German tendencies.

Recently, Belgrade Radio has

Sir Ronald Campbell's instructions came from Mr. Anthony Eden in Cairo, and it is understood there that the British Note was in the nature of a last moment appeal — and a warning.

The Note states the British attitude once again in clear terms and appeals to the Yugoslav Government not to betray Yugoslavia's past in the face of rising public opinion.

British official circles, in Cairo comment that the British Government has repeatedly made it clear that were Yugoslavia to follow the example of Rumania and Bulgaria, she would do herself mortal injury and that, in no circumstances, could they condone the signature of any agreement which would inevitably range Yugoslavia beside Germany and Italy.

It seems doubtful whether the Note will have any effect.

It was freely predicted in well-informed quarters in Belgrade last night that the pact with the Axis would be signed in Vienna to-day (Tuesday) and the Premier and Foreign Minister were expected to leave last night.

They were received by the Regent, Prince Paul, late on Sunday night, and the British Note was handed to the Government by Sir Ronald Campbell yesterday morning.

Vichy Report

According to the Vichy-controlled Lyons Radio, the pact which the Yugoslav Government has apparently agreed to sign will be similar to the Pacts with the other minor Axis Powers, with the exception of Paragraph Five dealing with the passage of German troops through the country. This, it is believed, is eliminated from the Yugoslavia documents of adherence.

The Greeks have had a comment to make on the developments.

been giving patriotic programmes which have stimulated the spirit of resistance of the public to the Government's policy of concessions to Germany. — Reuter.

HONGKONG POLICE MURDER SHOCK

A Shantung Police constable, No. 187, Wang Teh-shing, attached to Gough Hill Police Station, was found dead at noon yesterday on the hillside near Kotewall Road, with a stab wound in the neck and the left side of his face mutilated.

It is stated that information had been received by the Police that a large number of persons were cutting trees in the vicinity at about 11 a.m. yesterday.

The deceased, together with Sgt. Willerton, was sent to the spot. Near Po Shan Road, Sgt. Willerton separated from the deceased.

The constable was not seen again until noon when Sgt. Willerton discovered the body.

Greek Protest

Referring to the report that Yugoslavia's pact agrees to the transport of war materials across Yugoslavian territory, the Greek Press Minister in a statement

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KEYNOTE OF THE NEW PEACE

Mr. Wendell Willkie Speaks On War Aims.

ITALIANS SEVERELY HARASSED

It was announced in Cairo yesterday that the South African Air Force, operating in Abyssinia, continues to prepare the way for the advancing British troops.

Enemy road and rail communication, between Dire-dawa and Awasa were heavily attacked.

At Urso, many bombs hit a supply train moving towards Dire-dawa. Other trains were attacked at Mieso and other points. Several trucks were left overturned in one case.

Twenty trucks and some troops at Metahara, near Addis Ababa were machine-gunned and fires were seen at Awasa after mechanical transport had been attacked.

At Seila, in British Somaliland, pilots reported a large number of natives carrying white flags and Union Jacks could be seen flying from the buildings.

From all these operations, British aircraft returned safely, except two fighters, the pilots of which made successful parachute descents. — Reuter.

LEND AND LEASE "BILL" PASSED

Legislative authority has now been given to the financial expenditure under the Lease and Lend Bill.

The Senate yesterday approved the Bill, already passed by the House of Representatives, setting aside US\$7,000,000,000 to implement the main Bill. — Reuter.

WANTS TIN HATS FOR M.P.S.

"Will you equip members of the House of Parliament with steel helmets and box respirators?" the Home Secretary is to be asked in the Commons by Major A. N. Braithwaite (Con., Buckrose).

CANADA GIVES HIM WARM WELCOME

"WAR IN EUROPE must end in the eradication of Nazism," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, broadcasting in Toronto last night.

The removal of trade barriers must be the key-note of the new peace which should not "again lock millions of people within a prison wall of trade limits and economic degradation to spawn brutality, racial intolerance and war," added Mr. Willkie.

The conquered countries of Europe, continued Mr. Willkie, "must be restored to liberty" with larger world trade and China "must be saved from aggression."

Above all, "the British Commonwealth of nations and the United States must join together in eliminating our own trade barriers and end within itself its political, economic and social maladjustments."

One Purpose

"Canada, England and the United States," Mr. Willkie concluded, "are to-day of one purpose. May we remain joined to-morrow for this nobler purpose."

Mr. Willkie arrived from New York by train in a private coach belonging to the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was met on arrival by civic, provincial and military officials and headed through a two-mile long procession of troops and auxiliary forces.

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, came down specially from Ottawa to meet him. — Reuter.

WHOLE OF SOMALILAND RECAPTURED

The whole of British Somaliland is now under British control and the road from Berbera to Har-gaissa is now open.

This announcement was made in yesterday's communique in Nairobi which also announced further successes in Abyssinia.

British forward troops attacked strong Italian positions holding a pass just west of Jijiga, capturing vital positions after strong opposition, in which British losses were slight.

Distant centres of administration in Abyssinia, some of which are 400 miles from the British lines of communication, are being taken over by air-borne troops, accompanied by political officers. — Reuter.

CHINESE GOODWILL MISSION

THE UNOFFICIAL CHINESE GOODWILL MILITARY MISSION, LED BY GENERAL SHANG CHEN, ARRIVED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

During the stay, extending to Thursday, the Mission will be entertained by the Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief.

The Mission is leaving on Thursday on a three-week tour of places of military importance in India, including the North-West Frontier, particularly Peshawar and also Poona and Calcutta from where they will return to China. — Reuter.

NEW POLISH FIGHTER SQUADRON

At dawn yesterday, a Polish fighter squadron took to the air and impatiently waited to assist the R.A.F. squadrons in their battles with the enemy.

The leader of the squadron, who holds the Polish V.C., has three German aircraft to his credit, while another pilot, who has received the D.F.C., has brought down six German machines.

The men of this squadron have over 1,000 flying hours to their credit and many of them took part in the British air victory over the Luftwaffe in August and September last.

The British commanding officer of the squadron highly praises the men and comments on the accuracy of their formation flying. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BALANCE

The Military Correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post" last Saturday tabulated British successes and assets in facing the 1941 spring campaign as:

- (1) complete recovery after the enemy's Franco-Belgian success,
- (2) defeats of the German air force and invasion plans of 1940.
- (3) formation and equipment of three powerful armies at Home and in the Mediterranean Zone and in East Africa,
- (4) defeat of the two Italian Army Groups in Africa and the air force,
- (5) elimination of Italian Naval Power,
- (6) invasion of Egypt and Canal control defeated,
- (7) Italian Empire isolated and divided and in process of dissolution,
- (8) Italian power in Abyssinia broken,
- (9) German Air Force drawn into the Balkans and invasion of Britain rendered more difficult,
- (10) final consolidation of the Empire force, each with its own productive arsenal, and entry of the United States as a non-belligerent ally far beyond Hitler's conception of the use of such allies. — Reuter.

WARSHIPS TO BE BUILT ON THE GREAT LAKES

CANADA AND THE United States are to build army and navy vessels in shipbuilding yards on the Great Lakes.

Conclusion of the agreement on this point was announced by the United States Administration yesterday.

The agreement is the climax to negotiations which have been in progress for the past two years.

It involves a new interpretation of the Rush-Bagot Agreement of 1817 governing naval operations in the Great Lakes.

The new agreement lays down that the vessels are not to be intended for service on the Great

Lakes, that each government must furnish the other with full details before beginning construction, that warships may be built with full armaments but that the latter must be incapable of immediate use while the vessels remain on the Lakes, and that the vessels must be moved promptly from the Lakes on completion. — Reuter.

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Royal Air Force Smashes Through Berlin's Barrage

Ten Thousand Incendiary Bombs Dropped In Capital

HEAVY BRITISH BOMBERS, ATTACKING THE CENTRE OF BERLIN ON SUNDAY NIGHT HAD TO MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH AN INTENSE BARRAGE.

In spite of this attempt to protect the heart of the German capital, a large force of British bombers managed to cross Berlin, and more than ten thousand incendiary bombs were dropped upon selected objectives.

CHINESE CURRENCY PROBLEM

While nothing official has been disclosed in London regarding the position of the Chinese Stabilisation Fund, it is believed that Britain naturally wishes to ensure any Sterling credits to the fund against "high-jacking" through Nanking notes which have been forced on Shanghai and against any other undesirable dissipation.

If given satisfactory assurances in this connection, it is understood that Sterling credits to the Fund would undoubtedly be implemented. — Reuter.

It is pointed out in Far Eastern circles in London that, in any case, the main task of supporting the Chinese Dollar is being shouldered by the United States, whose one hundred-million dollar credit amply secures the Chinese Currency against depreciation by Nanking or Tokyo.

With this credit, it is believed in London that the Chinese Stabilisation Fund could easily support or rally the Chinese Dollar whenever the Fund thinks fit to do so.

Negotiations were said to be proceeding to prevent Sterling help to the Fund from feeding the Shanghai market which, it was pointed out, was the main remaining loop-hole in the Sterling Exchange Control. — Reuter.

SQUADRON WINS ALSATIAN

Among the unusual gifts received by the Royal Air Force Comforts Committee, which supplies woollens and other comforts to men and women in the Service, is a handsome Alsatian dog. The donor asked that the dog might be presented as a mascot to one of our fighter squadrons.

The Alsatian did not have long to wait for a home. He was eagerly snapped up by one of our leading fighter squadrons. All ranks are delighted with him and he seems to approve of his new surroundings.

The Committee report that an increasing number of parcels of woollens were received from their working parties during the last few weeks of the year. Seasonal greetings were sent to all the parties, with thanks for their splendid work during 1940. The Committee hope that knitting parties will persevere during the coming months, for the winter is by no means over, and the calls from overseas are now becoming greater. There is thus an ever growing need for the woollen garments and other comforts supplied by the Committee from 20 Berkeley Square, W.1.

Polish crews participated in the raid, and many of the British crews had often made the trip before.

Some of the planes engaged flew along Der Linden, within a mile or so of which are five of the main railway stations, keeping on a steady course in order to take their aim.

Others directed their bombs at the fires which the first wave of British aircraft had started and others attacked goods yards and factories in the south of the city.

In addition to thousands of incendiary bombs, some of the heaviest calibre high explosive bombs were rained upon the targets.

Huge Fires

In the area selected for the main attack, a great number of bombs were seen to explode, some in the centre of the target. The flashes of the larger bombs lit up the factories at which they were aimed. Fire after fire sprung up in the wake of the roaring machines, glowing red with a suffused glare through the mist.

ON THEIR WAY BACK FROM BERLIN, SEVERAL OF THE AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER HANOVER, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTACKED IN LARGE FORCE AND THE PILOTS SAW FIERCE EXPLOSIONS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. — REUTER.

Hanover Blazes

In one Hanover district, pilots watched nine small fires thrust out their tentacles among factory buildings until the flames merged into one another and became three immense conflagrations.

Beside these two heavy attacks on the enemy's industrial organisation, squadrons of bombers were also despatched to play a part in the Battle of the Atlantic by attacking the docks and shipyards in the great naval base of Kiel.

In the teeth of bad weather and formidable defences, aircraft dropped bombs within the area of the docks and other essential parts of the port.

From high explosive bombs which burst in the shipyard, seven strong fires took hold.

Other pilots reported equally good results both from their incendiaries and high explosive. Two other ports, Bremen and Emden, were also bombed. — British Wireless.

HEADS BUMP AS THEY BEND—1 DIES

Knocking his head against his son's head as they bent down to lift a sack of potatoes, Roland Benjamin Cowell, aged forty, grover, of Staines Road, Sunbury on Thames, developed meningitis and died.

The father's glasses were knocked off. Later he complained of severe headaches and was taken to hospital.

"It was an unusual injury," the coroner asked a doctor at the inquest.

"Yes, but consistent with the accident," was the reply. Verdict: Accidental death.

DIED IN MIDNIGHT CRASH

Mrs. Edith White, a fifty-three-year-old widow, of Netherbury Road, Ealing, W., told a neighbour she would like to have a ride in his car. At midnight the car skidded in Kensington Road and collided with a lamp standard. Mrs. White was thrown out and killed.

Accidental death was the inquest verdict.

SEARCHING FOR VICTIMS OF BOMBED SUBWAY

(By A London Correspondent)

THERE ARE many unknown heroes engaged in the work of removing London raid debris and rescuing trapped people. One of them is a sergeant of the Royal Engineers whom I saw recently. He was an outstanding figure in the task of clearing the wreckage caused by the bomb that hit a subway.

It was a sudden ejaculation by a workman alongside me that directed my attention to him. "There's Victor McLaglen at it again," he called out. The sergeant's height, build and features were sufficiently reminiscent of the film star for me to understand the reference.

At that moment he was disappearing below the ground. A tiny hole had been opened at the bottom of an enormous pile of broken concrete and twisted steel work, and the sergeant was entering it.

He wanted to see whether he could find anyone alive below. If there had been the slightest displacement of the great mass of material above him he would have been crushed to death, but he did not hesitate.

"He has been doing that sort of thing all day," remarked the admiring man at my side. "Whenever a little hole is cleared he seems to make for it without any thought of the risk. That's what I call doing your duty."

Giant Crater

The scene was an astonishing one. In front of us lay a tremendous crater, so huge that the soldiers working in it in large numbers were like so many ants.

Giant cranes were swinging big buckets to dump their contents into lorries; oxy-acetylene flares were cutting at pieces of metal; pneumatic drills were creating a din, and not a moment was being lost by anybody.

Drama came swiftly. A sudden cry went up, arms waved, hurried orders were issued, and the almost overwhelming noise gradually ceased. Men instantly stopped whatever they were doing. The news spread that a sound had been heard below.

A lamp was passed down the little hole to the sergeant. There was an anxious pause, which was ended when work was resumed as abruptly as it had stopped. No one was alive.

A few moments later the sergeant reappeared, his face grimy, his job done.

Half an hour later I saw that sergeant disappear again. He had found another hole. Down he went without hesitation.

About five minutes afterwards he reappeared, but only with the help of goldiers. They grasped him by the wrist and hauled him up in a perpendicular position. He mopped his brow, gave directions as to the position below, and walked away. He was looking for still more holes.

NO PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS THIS EASTER

Because of the war, His Holiness the Pope will not celebrate Pontifical High Mass in St. Peter's Church this Easter.

It is thought possible that the Pope will give the Benediction, "Urbi et Orbi," from an outside balcony. — Reuter.

Heavy Raids In Albania

The R.A.F. Middle East communique says that in Albania, bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out a highly successful raid on Berat yesterday.

Direct hits were registered on the runway and on dispersed enemy aircraft, at least two of which were totally destroyed. Many others were damaged and debris was seen to be thrown high.

Our fighters intercepted a large formation of Italian G50 fighters in the same area. Two were definitely shot down and several others severely damaged.

Two G50's were destroyed on the ground at Berat aerodrome in a subsequent attack.

An enemy encampment in the Tepelini area was also attacked but the full results could not be observed. — British Wireless.

PROGRESS AT KEREN

A communique issued by British G.H.Q. Cairo states:—

"Libya, no change. Eritrea, after successfully beating off seven heavy counterattacks in which the enemy has sustained serious losses, our troops at Keren are again making headway."

In Abyssinia, patriot activities continue to develop satisfactorily. Further south, our general advance into Abyssinia is progressing. — British Wireless.

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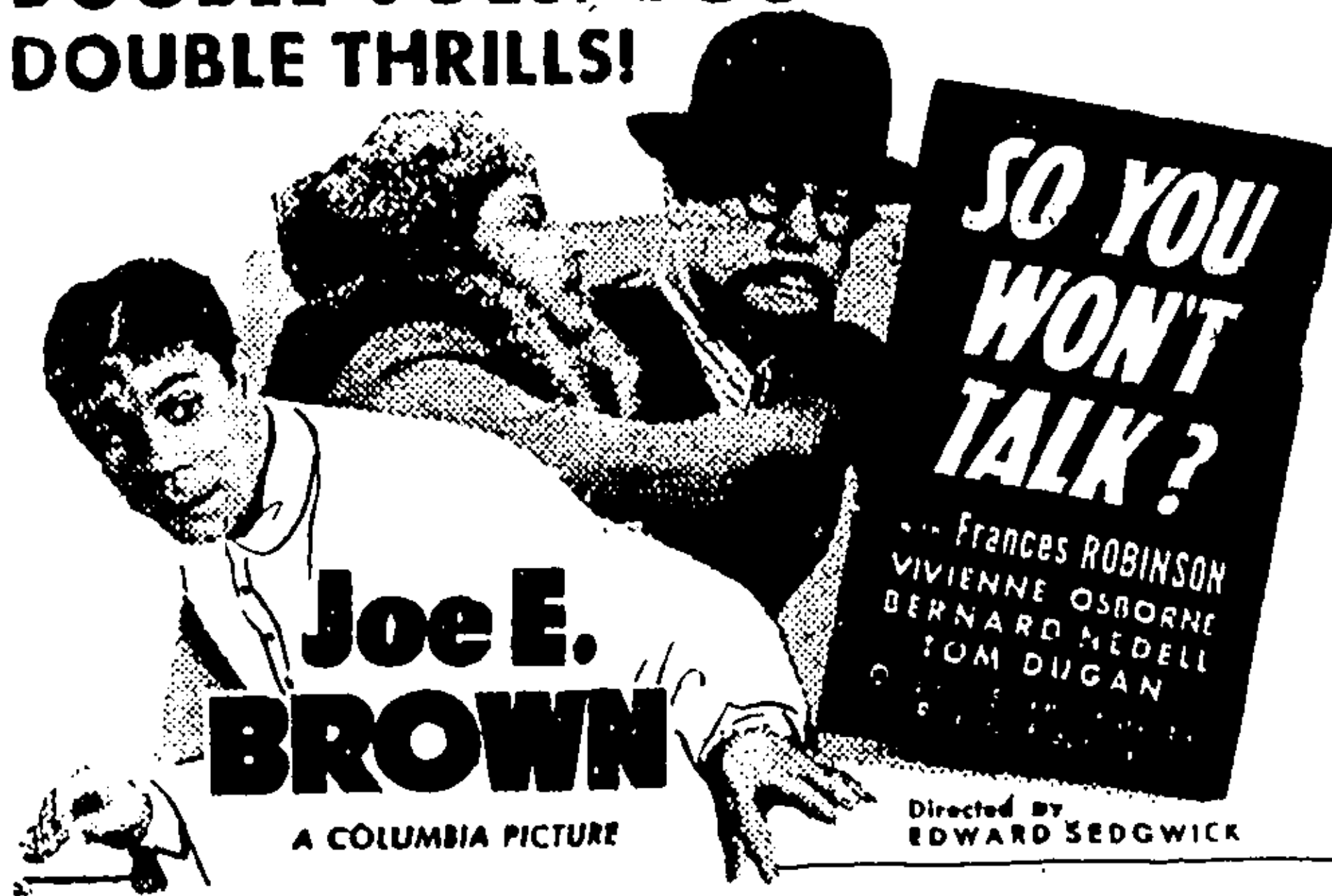
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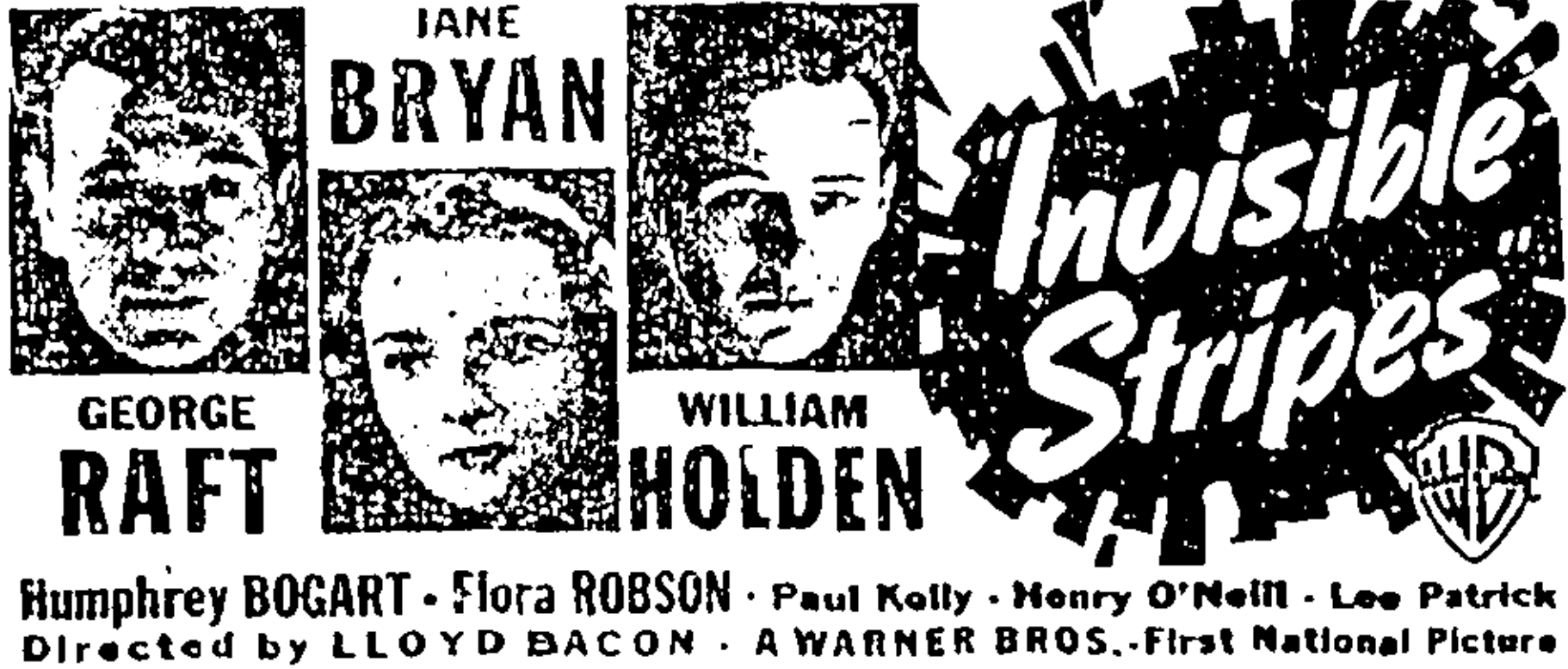
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AIR FORCE POLICY OF FIRST THINGS FIRST: NEW BATTLE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE is hitting Germany very much harder, although there are three reasons why, at the moment, it cannot do it very often.

As outlined to me in London yesterday, they constitute a policy of "first things first" with the promise that the Royal Air Force will carry the air war into Hitler's country on a growing scale and thereby implement what it is recognised must be, as the war presents itself to-day, the most effective means of hammering at the Nazis for some time.

The factors are firstly, diversion; secondly, weather; and thirdly, the state of Britain's bomber strength.

Now that the German Air Force is being used in support of the Navy in an "all out" bid to starve Britain of supplies of food, it follows that part of the Royal Air Force's offensive strength must be diverted to counteract this threat by raiding enemy sea air bases and other decisive points in the struggle.

Shortages in Britain's front-line bomber strength must be made good before the Prime Minister's assurance that he is "arranging" that the "present" disparity between the weight of the R.A.F. raiding of Germany and the Luftwaffe's raiding of Britain will be rather the other way round, can now be fulfilled.

It will take time before the R.A.F. is ready for one thing, a more direct and a much bigger target, can hope to unload the same total tonnage of bombs.

Encouraging Factors

But there are some new encouraging factors in the present duel between the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe to be borne in mind. New British bombers are faster than ever and this will offset the shortening of the hours of summer nights and should enable the winter campaign of bombing Germany to be carried on with much the same strength.

Families of German workers continue to be evacuated from the much bombed Ruhr and other Nazi cities and ports.

Some are being sent to Austria and others are coming west to occupied France.

The German night blitz on British ports has been checked for two nights in succession by the prevailing variable weather which may eventually have an effect in upsetting the Nazi timetable.

Heavy Losses

Nazi air formations between 200 and 500 strong are experiencing heavy proportionate losses, observers are convinced.

German attacks on port and other bottle-necks of American aid to Britain form the second essential part of the considered campaign to stop war supplies and food "somewhere" between the producer overseas and the consumer here.

The first essential is the U-boat campaign at sea. The Luftwaffe's part in this blockade of Britain follows two big earlier failures it is pointed out. The first was to destroy our R.A.F., and the second was to break the morale of our people.—Reuter.

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He first went to sea, then joined the Army and went to Palestine. Then came the war, but his luck changed. He drank, poisoned water and was ill.

Later he was sent to South Africa, near Durban, to convalesce. Then came romance.

One morning Fred boarded a bus, saw dark-eyed fifteen-year-old Sheila Barclay and her mother being annoyed by a couple of drunks. Fred took their part.

A month later his marriage to Sheila by special licence was arranged.

The day before the wedding Fred was told he was sailing immediately for England. In vain he pleaded that he might change places with a married man anxious to return to his family here.

"Do What I Can"

So now Fred courts by cablegram.

"If I get my discharge from the Army on medical grounds," he told a reporter, "I shall immediately return, find a job in Durban and marry. But if it is decided I'm fit enough to remain, I shall stay and do what I can while the old country is going through it."

DIRECT HIT—BLACK EYE

Only casualty when a shower of fire bombs fell in one outer London area was a man who received a black eye through quarrelling with another over part of an incendiary bomb as a trophy.

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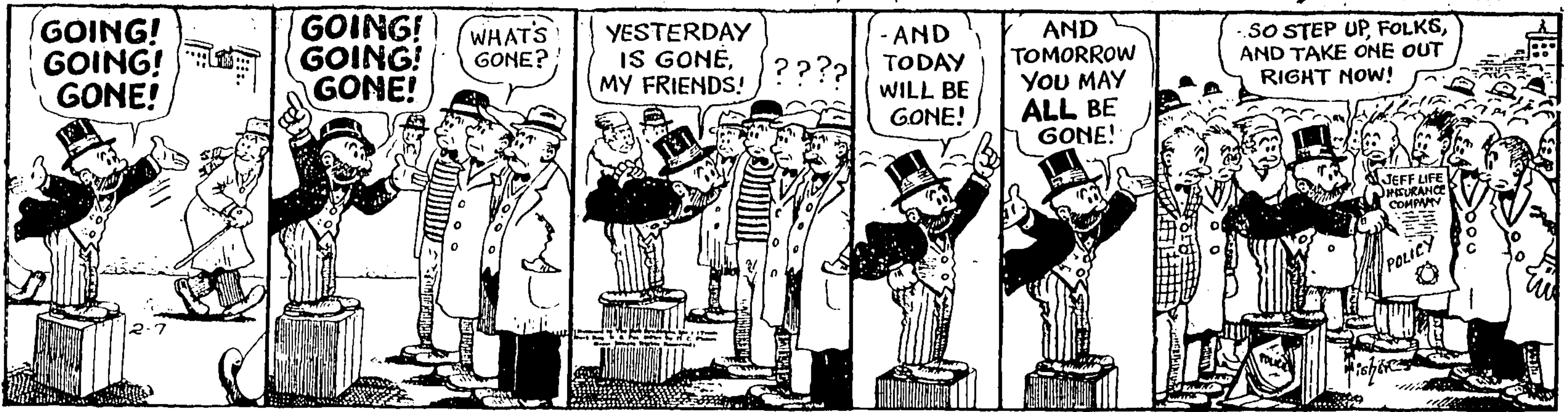
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BOY SCOUTS TO AID IN MATERNITY CASE S O S

JUMPING OUT of their camp beds when a bell clanged in a Manchester maternity hospital, two Boy Scouts raced in their pyjamas to the operating theatre to help a surgeon try to save the life of a young mother who had just given birth to her baby.

For two hours the boys worked in an emergency team organised by the operating surgeon to restore the woman's breathing after she had collapsed.

The Scouts, seventeen-year Eric Jardine, of Hadfield Avenue, Long, and eighteen-year-old Maurice Thompson, of Percival Street, Longsight, told a reporter that their one regret was that the woman did not live.

"We are used to the bell ringing in the early hours," said Thompson, who was one of a company of scouts who sleep at the hospital in case they may be needed in an emergency. "But more often than not the call is for a fire to be lighted or a simple job to be done."

"Doctor Exhausted"

"When we heard what this special call was, we did not stop to put on our uniforms. We raced along the corridors just as we were, ready to do anything we could to help the surgeon."

"We found him almost com-

pletely exhausted in his efforts to keep the patient breathing, and quickly grasped the methods necessary in such a case.

"Neither of us was accustomed to the type of artificial respiration the surgeon instructed us to use but we worked under his guidance until he told us to stop."

"Our Good Turn"

The scouts have been giving their services for several weeks to the hospital, carrying mothers and their new-born babies to the shelters in the basement when the air raid alert is sounded.

"Do we mind if we miss a night's rest?" said Jardine. "Why, that's the sort of thing we scouts have been waiting for. We feel we are doing our good turn in the noblest of all services."

"That and the sound of a bell calling us to a life-saving job is all the reward we lads want."

WIFE WHO USED FREEDOM PACT

A "foolish" document signed by a bank official was described by Mr. Justice Bucknill in the Divorce Court as "a lever used by his wife to extort from him an agreement that she might continue her rather plentiful companionship with other men."

The judge granted a decree nisi, with costs against the co-respondent, to Mr. Cyril Lowton Newman, Rickmansworth Road, Amersham, Bucks, because of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Elvera Louise Newman, with the co-respondent, Mr. Percy Frederick Finch. The suit was undefended.

The marriage, in which there is one child, took place in 1926 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, S. W. Mr. Newman alleged that since May, 1940, his wife had been living with Mr. Finch at Little Addington, Oakley, near Aylesbury.

Granting the decree, the judge said: "Mr. Newman, quite straightforwardly and properly, against his own interest, put before the court a document which he and his wife signed in November, 1938."

"Absolute Freedom"

"One clause states, 'Neither of us will enforce conjugal rights; at all times there shall be absolute freedom for both parties, each going our separate ways, although living under the same roof; in the event of any acts of indiscretion on either side occurring in the future, neither of us will take any action providing there is no desertion on either side.'

"There were grounds of complaint by the wife, but, on the other hand, there is no evidence to show that there were any grounds of complaint by the husband against the wife. She was going about with the co-respondent then, but no evidence has been called that there was anything sinister in that friendship."

"It was a foolish document to sign, but I am satisfied that Mr. Newman signed under some pressure from his wife, and he did not intend to encourage his wife to commit adultery, or to assent to such conduct on her part."

The judge thought that the explanation of the origin of the document was that the wife was fond of going about with other men. He did not think that the wife's conduct went any further, at that time.

"Mr. Newman," he said, "agreed to sign because he did not want his own indiscretions to be brought to light. When matters between his wife and the co-respondent became serious, some time later, he did his best to stop the friendship."

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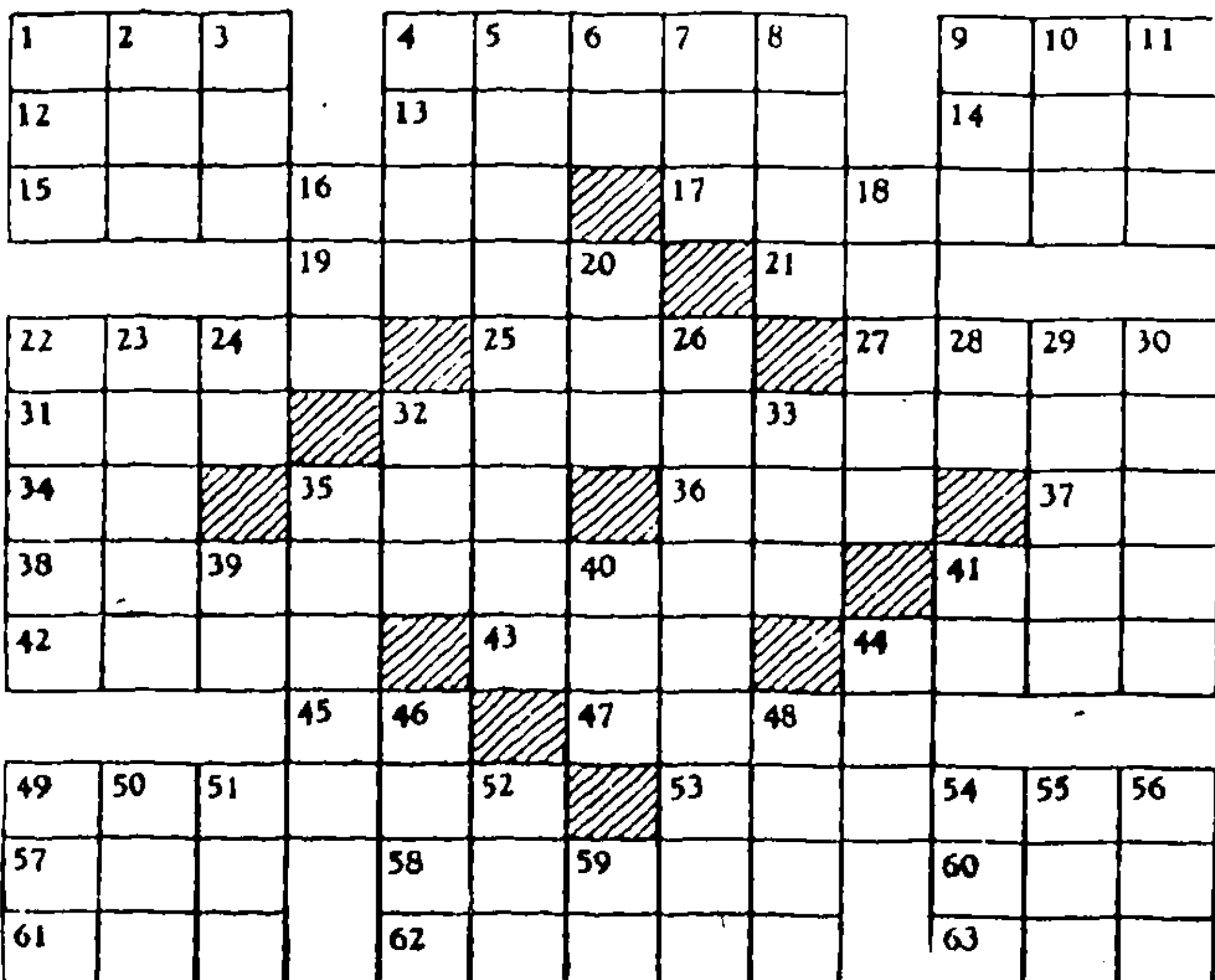
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Mongrel
- 4 To mature
- 9 Part of a circle
- 12 Philippine savage
- 13 Stupid
- 14 French coin
- 15 Negligent
- 17 Small ornamental bag
- 19 Gaseous element
- 21 Japanese measure
- 22 Couché
- 23 French article
- 27 To urge
- 31 Babylonian deity
- 32 German air force
- 34 Indian mulberry
- 35 To sigh convulsively
- 36 Swiss river
- 37 Note of scale
- 38 Unnecessary repetition
- 41 Limb
- 42 Gaelic
- 43 Unit of work
- 44 Stable
- 45 Exclamation
- 47 Weird
- 49 Firearm

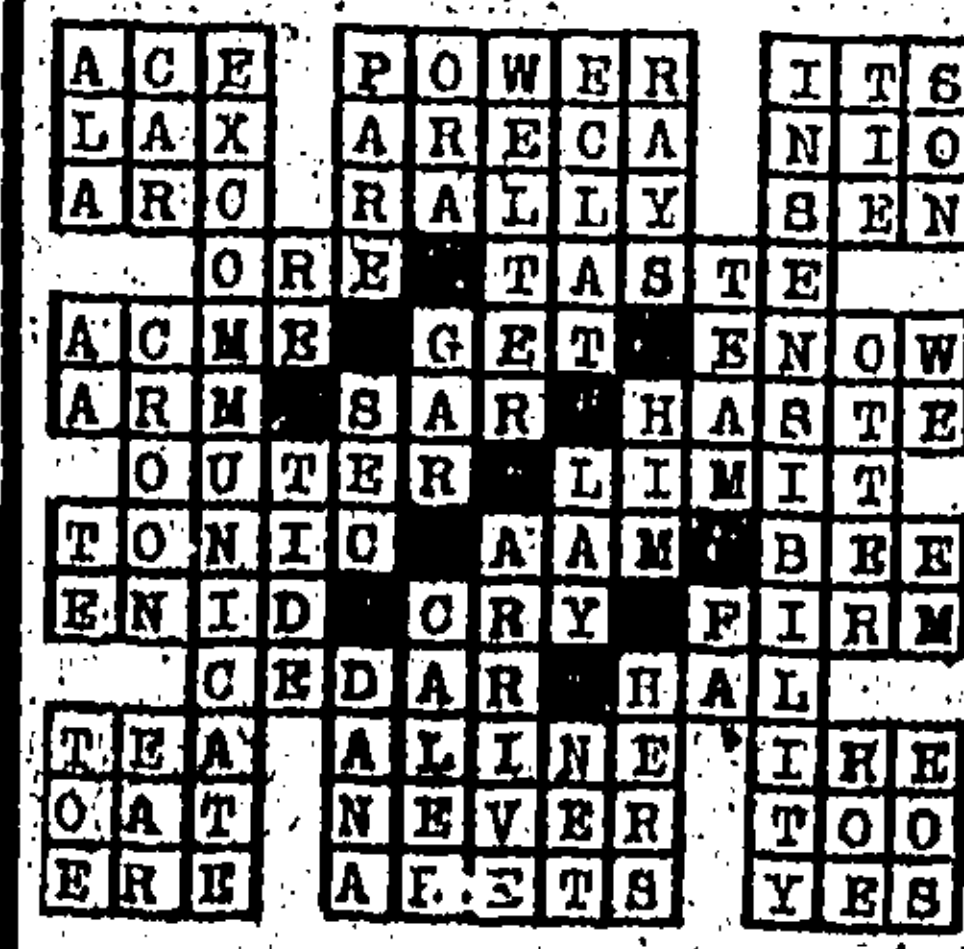
VERTICAL

- 2 Vehicle
- 5 South-western Indian
- 3 Male sheep
- 4 To ascend
- 5 Impossible to pay, as debts
- 6 Colloquial: father
- 7 Being
- 8 To approach

VERTICAL

- 9 Forest tree
- 10 Fish eggs
- 11 To scower
- 16 Poetic: Hindustan
- 18 Roll of tobacco leaves
- 20 Levantine sailing vessel
- 22 To diminish
- 23 Australian tree
- 24 Spanish article
- 26 Reeled
- 28 Concerning
- 29 Subsequent to
- 30 To condescend
- 32 Card game
- 33 Manner
- 35 Cut of meat
- 39 Pronoun
- 40 Crude metal
- 41 Note of scale
- 44 Unplayed hole in golf
- 46 Valiant person
- 48 Ostrich-like bird
- 49 Crawl of a bird
- 50 Value
- 51 To observe
- 52 Greek letter
- 54 To haul
- 55 Lyric poem
- 56 Rodent
- 59 Symbol for nickel

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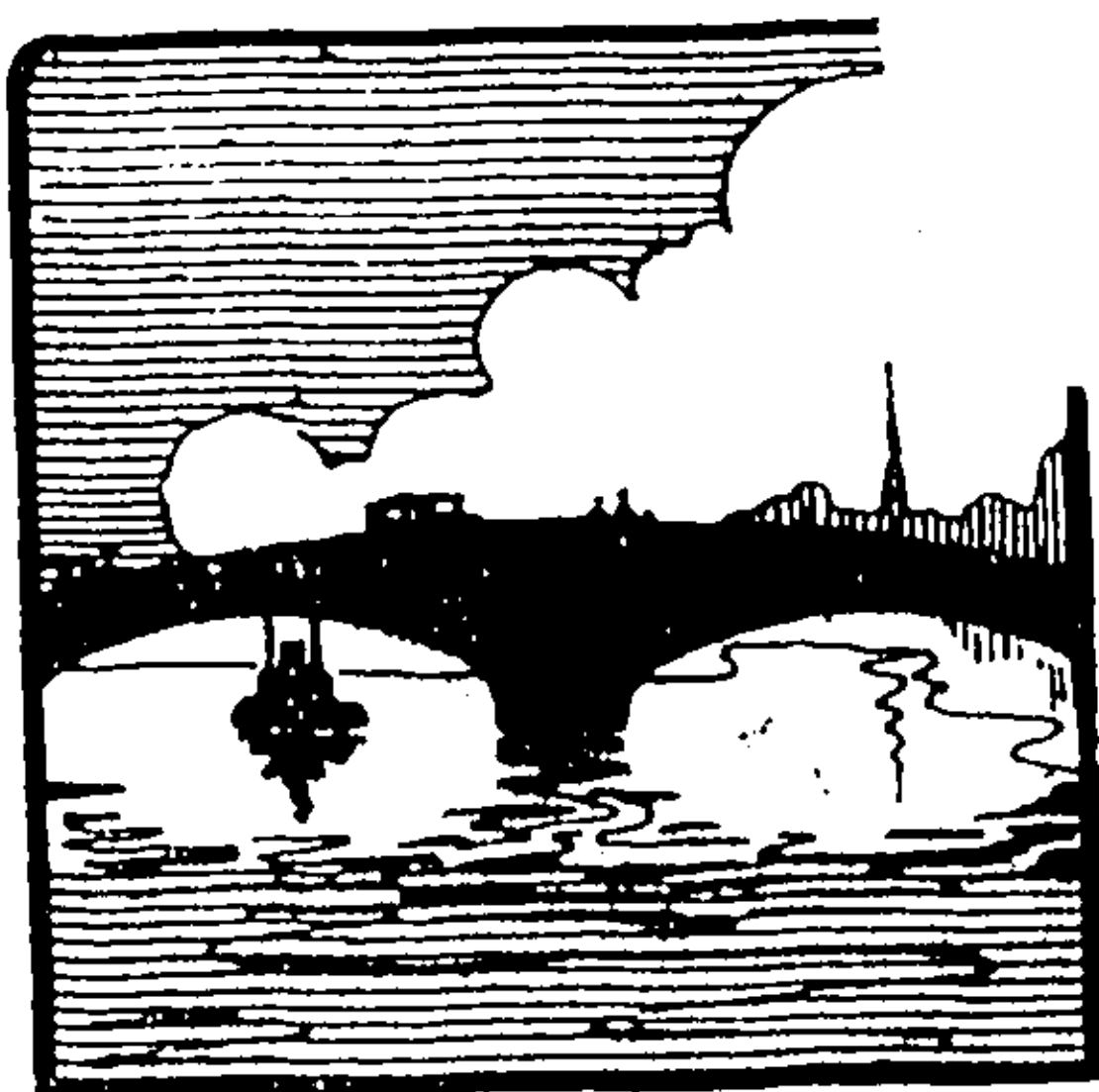
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ROYAL NAVY SALUTES 3 CHILDREN

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE LOOK-OUT MAN ON A BRITISH DESTROYER SEES IT FIRST, LOOSES IT FOR A MOMENT, SEES IT AGAIN AS IT RISES ON A WAVE'S CREST — JUST A SPECK OF WHITE AGAINST THE ATLANTIC GREY.

The destroyer alters course. The speck grows. This is a lifeboat riding the waves, though no hand is on its tiller. A boat that bears three children — dead by Nazi murder — on a last, lonely journey.

From the British destroyer a long boat pulls out, her crew find the little bodies, soaked by the sea's spray, huddled together, arms around each other.

Tenderly they are borne aboard the destroyer, and for a little while the ship breaks off her mission of war to give tribute to three dead children, burial with full naval honours.

The captain reads the committal service, his men are lined up on the deck, and three little bodies, draped with the Union Jack, are lowered again into the arms of the sea and the waves cover them.

The ship's company stir, go back to their duty stations, the destroyer is alive again, hunting the ocean wastes for Nazi killer ships.

Solemn Occasion

And to Mrs. Holmes of Watford Road, Wembley, Middlesex, mourning the death of her son Terence in the torpedoed evacuation ship City of Benares, now comes this letter from a naval chaplain.

"It is with the hope that I am not deepening your sorrow that I write to tell you that your son Terence was found in a lifeboat with two other children and some grown-ups, and that his body was given a full naval burial at sea by the captain of the destroyer who picked him up.

"I am chaplain of the destroyers at— and I heard the story from the captain himself. He had kept the numbers of the children and he told me that never in his life had he felt the solemnity of the occasion so wonderful.

"The rescued crews and his own ship's company paid their homage as the three little bodies were committed to the deep. They had, of course, died long before they were picked up, but he felt that he would like to honour them for their unreachd manhood. So he did.

"And one has the faith that in the arms of a Heavenly Father they had already been received with love. The Navy did what it could for their remains. God give you comfort still."

Mad On Ships

Terence Brian Holmes had begged for the chance to go to Canada in the evacuation scheme. His mother had doubts, but at last she was won over by Terry's pleadings and the urging of friends and relatives.

She spoke of him. "He was such a wonderful little chap.

"Look! I've kept his desk just as he left it—there's the drawing of a ship he made just before he left last September—and his bicycle's still outside in the hall.

"He was mad on ships and the sea.

"Terry was such a great little trourper that I'm sure if he'd had the choice he would have liked to go down like that."

RING AS SPITFIRE GIFT

A Woolwich wife has given her 22ct. gold wedding ring to be sold in aid of the district's Spitfire Fund. She said she was unable to afford a donation.

The ring is on view in a shop.

TO TELL ROME-VIA ATHENS

Italian radio listeners may soon hear once again the voice of a favourite broadcaster — but he will be speaking from Athens, not Rome.

A titled officer, he is one of the most distinguished of the Italian prisoners who have arrived in Athens.

Five times wound in the Spanish War, and a member of one of the most noble families in Rome, he was given an important post on Rome radio. His voice was familiar to millions of listeners.

When he left for the front the wish was expressed that Italy would soon rehear his famous voice.

Greek officers here have suggested that this wish should be granted.

The Italian officer should broadcast to Italy as usual — but from Athens for a change, they say.

This officer expressed two main wishes.

The first was to see for himself pieces from the torpedo which sank the Greek ship Helle, as he was unable to believe Fascism capable of such infamy.

The second was to find some sweet cake as the Italian Army is apparently starved of all sweet foods.

He had hoped to marry a Spanish duchess to whom he is engaged, when war broke out.

Recent appeals to Greek civilians to give blood for transfusions for wounded is meeting with a wonderful response. Queues of all classes are forming up in Athens bureaux.

There are no distinctions in these queues. Society leaders await their turn with paupers. The blood on being collected is rushed to hospital bases.

JERRY WON'T NEED RETURN HALF

The R.A.F. recently dropped tickets over West Germany for the journey to England and back, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "A.B.C."

With each ticket was an invitation to German soldiers and sailors to make the journey.

"But," it was added, "as you will be so well received, you won't need the return half."—Reuter.

BISHOPS FOR "GOD'S PLAN"

A conference of Bishops, laity and clergy at Malvern (Worce) condemned private ownership of the principal industrial resources of the community as "a stumbling block" to Christianity.

Dealing with private ownership the declaration said: "On the one hand it may deprive the poorest members of the community of the essentials of life. On the other, while these resources can be so owned, men will strive for their ownership for themselves.

"As a consequence, a way of life founded on the supremacy of the economic motive will remain, which is contrary to God's plan for mankind.

"The time has come for Christians to proclaim the need for striving towards a form of society in which the continuance of these abuses will be no longer possible."

"B.P.'S" STUDY AS MEMORIAL

The Chief Scout's room at Scout headquarters in London, where Lord Baden-Powell worked several days each week for the Scout movement amid mementoes of his life of adventure, is to become a museum in memory of him.

RETORT TO BAN ON LIPSTICK

HUSBAND AND WIFE have replied to Major-General Sir Archibald Home's ban on the use of lipstick by Mrs. C.D. Fellowes in her uniform as assistant commandant of a British Red Cross hospital.

Said Major Fellowes, M.C., her husband: "The ban seems to us absolutely childish.

"Merely, I imagine, due to the provincialism of a local director."

Mrs. Fellowes told a reporter:

"All this matter is a great storm over nothing. I am still using lipstick—I feel untidy without it.

"For years I've worn lipstick. They suggested a paler colour, but I couldn't manage it. Colourless lip salve is hopeless."

Mrs. Fellowes has no intention of giving up her work, or her lipstick, and if lipstick clashes with her uniform as an assistant commandant, she can wear ordinary clothes, as her work is mainly administrative.

A Shock For Him

The trouble arose when Sir Archibald, who is sixty-six, attend-

ed the opening of a Red Cross hospital in Suffolk.

He was there as Suffolk County Director of the British Red Cross.

Mrs. Fellowes was there, too. Sir Archibald saw her, and particularly noticed something—HER LIPSTICK.

Sir Archibald did not approve. He told Mrs. Fellowes so—quite nicely and amiably," as she said.

When Mrs. Fellowes said she did not feel herself without her lipstick, Sir Archibald told her she might have to resign if she insisted on using it.

The matter then went to Red Cross headquarters.

Their reply is that if make-up is used it should be inconspicuous—a rule to be abided by," an official said.

CHINA MAIL
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A NEW VICTIM?

The latest phase of the impending storm in the Balkans is the apparent success reported today of the Nazi attempt at coercing Yugoslavia. Plans for a drive through Bulgaria have apparently been altered. The risk of Turkish intervention or Russian displeasure makes Hitler hesitate. He has accordingly summoned the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister to Berlin to discuss the possibility of a "blitz" move from another direction. Or it may be just a strategic retreat from his real intentions to keep the world guessing and to prolong the war of nerves. The last significant visit of a Yugoslav Premier to Germany was that of Dr. Stoyadinovitch in 1938. His government stood for drifting away from the country's close ties with France and a strong trend towards Italy, and later towards Germany, which had built up a dominant position in Yugoslavia's foreign trade.

The Stoyadinovitch policy soon became unpopular in a Slav country where pro-French feeling was strong and British influence by no means negligible. Prince Paul visited London several times. The present Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, is a moderate Serb, under whom the Yugoslav constitution has been remodelled on a more liberal basis. He seems to have been lulled, however, into the belief that he can restrict Nazi encroachments, which means inevitably that the matter is not yet ended. There are numerous minorities in the country, among whom Germans number 300,000 out of a total population of nearly 14 millions, the majority of whom are Serbs and Croats. The latter have for long demanded autonomy and a federal system. The fostering of Serbo-Croatian dissension in an acute form may be one of Hitler's ways of dismembering and dominating Yugoslavia if it suits Axis plans. But both Serbs and Croats have cruel memories of Germans in the last war. And they are not incapable of offering stout resistance to an invader, even if Yugoslavia is liable to attack by Germany from two sides at once through Hungary and Rumania. As yet the voice of the people has not been heard. There may be further drama yet.



WHEN THE TRUTH COMES OUT!

SEA POWER Will Give Us Victory

By
Lord Strabolgi

In 1935 and "sanctions time," Mussolini and his henchmen used to boast that Italian air power nullified British sea power. Malta was to be obliterated, Gibraltar rendered unusable, and the British Fleet forced to evacuate the Mediterranean by air attack.

These boastings fooled quite a number of people including some leading members of the British Cabinet. The stories of 500 Italian air desperadoes ready to make a death or glory assault on the British Fleet had their effect.

This is one reason why sanctions were not pressed home as a policy, and that, again, was one of the causes of the collapse of the League of Nations and the present war. At the time of Munich there were similar boastings by Goering and other Nazis as to what was to be done to the British Fleet by the Luftwaffe if war came between Britain and Germany.

There was this much excuse for our doubts. The present-day air weapon was untried, and no one felt sure what its power was against warships; indeed, these doubts had a good deal to do with the overcautious handling of our naval forces in the Norwegian campaign.

With the German Air Force able to use the Danish aerodromes and one or two of the Norwegian ones, the then Higher Command declined to send our heavy ships to the relief of Oslo and for the purpose of cutting the German lines of communication with Norway. Yet, in these operations, one of the most important large-scale attacks on a fleet at sea was made by German aircraft.

This was the occasion when the flagship of the Home Fleet was struck on the quarter-deck by a heavy bomb. Her stout armoured decks prevented vital damage, and she was able to keep at sea fit for action until the end of the operations on which she was then engaged.

Now, after 16 months of war, we have much more experience. A well-planned and skillfully-directed air attack on ships in harbour can do a great deal of damage. The classic case is the

successful torpedoing from the air of the Italian warships in Taranto harbour. During the Norwegian operations we also scored considerable success against German warships lying in the Norwegian fjords.

But it is a different proposition to attack a fleet at sea. True, we have had several ships damaged by bombs, but, except for the cruiser Southampton, we have only actually lost destroyers by air attack. The destroyer built primarily for speed, carries no armour. Larger ships of modern construction are protected by stout armour decks, and experience has proved that even a direct hit by the heaviest type of bomb is not necessarily fatal.

The truth is that a warship at sea and steaming at full speed is a difficult target. We knew that already from the gunnery point of view. It has been proved again and again how difficult it is to hit the deck of a ship steaming through the water in the numerous air attacks which have been made on our convoys of merchant ships in the English Channel and elsewhere.

It has also been proved that the heavy anti-aircraft battery carried by the modern man-of-war is a good deterrent. Her guns' crews, necessarily exposed on the upper deck, must be well trained and resolute; and then they can put up a very useful barrage against the attacking Air Force.

Now let us return to the Mediterranean situation. There, despite the numerous aerodromes in Sicily, North Africa and the Dodecanese Islands, we have maintained effective control of the Middle Sea.

We are enabled to reinforce and supply the Army of the Nile and also our Greek allies and the British forces cooperating with them. We hinder communications between Italy and Albania

across the Adriatic; we prevent the Italian Navy from taking any effective part in the campaign against Greece, and we have turned the Aegean Sea into a British Lake.

Most important of all, we maintain a stranglehold on Italy by stopping the whole of their commerce inwards and outwards with the rest of the world. Her garrisons in East Africa and Abyssinia are cut off and isolated; while we can move our supplies and troops anywhere at will.

In the big action in the Sicilian Straits on January 10, the main attacks from the air were made by the German Air Force operating from the Italian aerodrome at Catania. Our objective was to pass a big convoy of munitions and other supplies through to Greece, and this we succeeded in doing, with damage only to three warships, two of which reached harbour.

So much for the boast that air power would nullify sea power. It is the same story in home waters. True, the German Air Force damages our merchant shipping and assists the German U-boats in locating our convoys.

But the stranglehold of the blockade on Germany is maintained, and German merchant shipping can only move freely in the Baltic, and, to a limited extent, in the Black Sea.

The Royal Navy is still a fleet in being, the great deterrent to any attempted invasion of these islands on a large scale. When we speak of sea power, however, we must remember that this includes not only warships, but the aircraft which operate over the sea.

We need more heavily armed long-range fighters. We need more flying-boats for patrol work and convoy protection. I myself have for long advocated the provision of more anti-aircraft ships converted from fast merchantmen. A medium-sized liner of good speed could have her upper deck stripped so as to mount a very numerous armament of A.A. guns.

Such ships could accompany the fleet or important convoys, and could be provided in some short space of time. Nor am I altogether satisfied that enough of our available labour and ma-

Tuna Comes Home

Bearded, grimy and tired, but still with enough vitality to laugh and shout—that is how a British submarine crew comes home, leaving the shell that has been so long a prison.

Another trip is over. It was perhaps crammed with thrills and dangers; perhaps nothing happened. But it is all the same to the men.

They are back to be nursed into the peak of condition before they face fresh dangers.

I call them dangers; to these men they are just incidents of little consequence, as I gathered

By William Gibbons

when, after the Tuna had come into the Trot (alongside the depot ship), I went into the submarine and heard the story of their action against a German U-boat.

Like Liner

I toured the depot ship, and, having seen much of the British Navy, I rate it as one of the wonders of the Service.

It had me thinking of a giant liner in which I once travelled. There's not the luxury of such a liner; it's just completeness and, as befitting the Navy, a scrupulous cleanliness.

I first went to the "parting shop," where, it seemed to me, men handled these £2,000 torpedoes as a child does his first toy motor-car. They have to be overhauled when they come off submarines, and may need repairs before they are re-issued. So it is that you can see these experts toying with tools in the intricate mechanism of 6,000 parts that make up a "tin fish."

Round the corner I found myself in the sick bay. It's not just spit and polish here. It's a veritable hospital with every modern equipment.

There are 20 beds in the main bay and four in the isolation ward; an operating theatre, X-ray room, laboratory and dispensary, and there are four doctors with a nursing staff (taken from the crew of the ship, mark you!)

Plenty To Eat

The "Dobie" room would be the envy of many a housewife. There the men wash their smalls. And what luxury! They've half a dozen deep washing bowls—or sinks, as they may better be known—hot water and a warm drying cupboard. It is, indeed, a complete laundry.

The cook is a master of his art. Though down to rations, he can provide meals you and I would like to get; yet the cost is 1s. 8d. a day per head, which means a bill totalling £600 a week for the Admiralty.

Of course, you can buy a lot for £600, and this cook does. He uses four tons of potatoes a week, one ton of other vegetables, two tons of meat, and 35,000 pieces of fruit (apart from dried fruit).

No less accomplished is the baker. All the bread and cake is made in the ship.

Always Ready

Naturally, there's a certain amount of untidiness, and a penalty for it. If anything is left about the mess decks, clothing, books, etc., it is taken to the "Scran Bay" and a forfeit of a slice of soap has to be paid to retrieve the article.

The submarine mess decks are always ready for incoming crews, each of whom has his own locker. The mess is kept clean for them while they are away, and their tables and stools are triced up until they return for probably their first real meal for weeks.

terial have been given priority for naval purposes.

These, however, are details. The broad facts remain that sea power is holding its own against the new air weapon, and, in the long run, will prove decisive in this war.



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Presents For Moscow's Leaders

AFTER LUNCHING yesterday with von der Schulenberg, the German Ambassador at the German Embassy, Mr. Matsuoka, accompanied by Lieut. General Tatekawa, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, called upon M. Molotov.

The meeting took place at the Kremlin and M. Stalin was present at the interview.

SHARED BUNKS IN SHELTER

Shelter chaperones are needed in some London boroughs. A police officer investigating a disturbance in a West Ham shelter found two young couples in bunks.

"This sort of thing is going on all over the district, but we are powerless to stop it," Mr. A. E. Waters, chief A.R.P. officer of West Ham told a reporter.

"The only solution is to have paid personnel with definite authority on duty each night. Young couples find dark corners in the shelters to carry on their love-making. Voluntary wardens have not the authority to stop sharing bunks.

"The voluntary warden must find a policeman, and by the time the officer arrives the couples have gone.

"We Are Powerless"

"By supervision we are doing all we can but without the proper authority of paid personnel, or a Ministry order to segregate the sexes we are powerless.

"And with the problem of men and women sleeping separately arises that of married couples who won't separate."

A Ministry of Health official said: "Restrictions should be dealt with locally, and police officers called if order cannot be kept."

When James Kitch, aged nineteen, a labourer, of Clive Road, Romford, was fined £5 at West Ham for obstructing the police, it was stated that he told young couples in bunks: "Take no notice of him, it is nothing to do with the police. We can stay here as long as we like."

FROM G B S TO "PAT"

"The Love Letters of Bernard Shaw to Mrs. Patrick Campbell." That is the title chosen in her will by the famous actress, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, for letters and poems written to her by George Bernard Shaw.

Mrs. Campbell (Mrs. Beatrice Stella Cornwallis-West) died in April last, aged seventy-five. Her will, in which she left the instructions about the letters, has just been published.

She asked that the letters and poems should be published in their right order and not altered. Mr. Shaw's comment was:—

"Forty-five years ago everybody wrote love letters to Mrs. Patrick Campbell. I knew she thought mine the best of the bunch. All of them were from married men and quite innocent."

Forty-five years ago Mrs. Campbell was thirty and Bernard Shaw thirty-nine, and unmarried.

ENEMY FIGHTER SHOT DOWN

Yesterday afternoon, R.A.F. fighters shot down an enemy fighter into the sea off the South Coast. — British Wireless.

With M. Molotov also was the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Matsuoka later attended a reception to the diplomats of the countries adhering to the Tripartite Alliance, held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence.

Previously, the Japanese Foreign Minister had sent presents to Stalin and Molotov through the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs.

The gift for M. Stalin was a thirteenth-century Japanese screen decorated with hunting scenes, while that for M. Molotov was a lacquer box on which a Japanese shrine was painted in gold and silver. — Reuter.

MENZIES' STAY TO BE PROLONGED

Mr. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, is extending his stay in Great Britain.

In London yesterday, after his provincial tour, he said he hoped to meet members of the Trade Union Congress and to visit North and South Ireland and have a conversation with Mr. De Valera.

On his return journey, via the United States and Canada, he will call on President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King.

Mr. Menzies added that the general impression he would take back to Australia was that he had a good story to tell of what Britain was doing and it had been well worth coming over to see. — Reuter.

WANT BABIES AS PERFECT REMINDER

WOMEN GOING TO birth-control clinics because they DO want babies seems all wrong. But that is what is happening.

"We have been amazed at the number of women who have come to the clinics recently seeking our help in their desire to have babies," Dr. Marie Stopes, the well-known birth control expert, told a London reporter.

"We had nineteen of these eager, would-be mothers at one of our smaller clinics in one day. It is sometimes pitiful to see their longing.

"Before the war we had a fairly steady number of such cases, but now they are becoming much more numerous.

"I think the chief reason for it is that many women passionately desire the most perfect remembrance of their man, who has to leave them to join up.

"War fosters a deep romantic feeling in women and they are often terribly distressed if they cannot have a baby.

"We are able, in many cases, to give them advice which enables them to have children.

"Even war service does not seem to stop some women from wanting a baby. We have women in uniform among our clients and quite recently a young couple, both of whom were in uniform, came to seek our advice.

"It might be thought that the perils of the blitz would make most women unwilling to add to their families or to have a first child, but our experience shows it is quite the other way."

FRENCH CONVOY PASSES OUT OF GIBRALTAR

A convoy of French ships, escorted by destroyers, passed through the Straits of Gibraltar heading for the South Atlantic yesterday afternoon, according to a Tangier telegram to the Italian News Agency.

The Agency adds that the British blockade authorities did not try to stop the convoy. — Reuter.

SOVIET'S FAR EAST ARMY CHIEF

General Joseph Apanasenko has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, says a Moscow despatch to the official German News Agency in Berlin yesterday.

General Apanasenko was formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Central Asia military district and was promoted to general only a month ago.

The previous Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, General Gregory Stern, won the title of "Hero of the Soviet" for successes over the Japanese. — Reuter.

SKIPPER FINED

Pleading guilty to a charge of allowing his ship to enter a prohibited area while the port was closed, Captain W. J. Andrews, was fined \$40 by Commander T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court this morning.

NAIROBI MURDER TRIAL

AN AFTER-LUNCH SCENE IN WHICH SIR DELVES BROUGHTON IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BURST OUT INTO TEARS AFTER SAYING HOW UPSET HE WAS ABOUT LORD ERROL'S DEATH FOR LADY BROUGHTON'S SAKE, WAS RELATED IN EVIDENCE AT THE CONTINUED HEARING OF THE CHARGE AGAINST SIR DELVES OF MURDERING LORD ERROL, AT NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

Reference was also made to an incident at dinner on the night before the tragedy, when it is alleged, Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Errol and wished them every happiness in future.

The subject of an heir was mentioned and Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Errol and their future child. — Reuter.

A LETTER FROM GERMANY DIRECT

NIGHTS IN A CELLAR FOR WEEKS ON END

"PLEASE TELL ME WHETHER THE ENGLISH ARE AS FRIGHTENED AS THE GERMANS ARE IN THEIR SHELTERS." THAT QUESTION IS ASKED IN A LETTER WRITTEN BY A GIRL WHO WAS IN STUTTGART UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO.

She gave the letter to Sefton Delmer in Lisbon to take to her brother at school in London. Rendel Sperrling — her real name is kept secret so that the Nazi will not know it — is a German-Jewish girl of thirteen.

From Stuttgart she flew to Italy to meet her parents, who travelled with her through France and Spain to Lisbon. There she is now waiting to go to America. Here is her letter:—

Darling Freddy: Have you had a lot of bombs? I am terribly glad to be out of Germany. Now I can tell you about it.

In Stuttgart we spent almost every night in the cellar for several weeks on end. The British planes did not come to the residential parts of the town, but concentrated on the factories.

Rush To Shelters

Nevertheless, some of the people in the cellar were very frightened. They were particularly nervous when the guns began to go before the sirens had given the alarm.

They all came rushing down in the funniest clothes. One woman came down without her wig.

We Jews had a special shelter to ourselves, as we were not supposed to mingle with true Germans.

They used to try to stop people from seeing the damage. But that wasn't always possible, despite the police cordon. There was an enormous crowd to see the wreck of the giant gasworks.

The flak (anti-aircraft gunfire) used to make such a noise that you could hardly hear yourself speak. I thought no one would be able to see the munition works. They were painted black, and some of them had branches on them to look like a forest.

But the English hit them all the same, and the workmen were very frightened. I know, because I used to play with their children.

I had to wear wooden shoes, because I was not allowed to have leather ones. They are very scarce, and only the Nazi children can get them.

The people are furious with the English, because they keep everyone awake. They thought the war would be over this autumn. Now they say they will bomb England till it has no more aeroplanes, and then invade it in the spring.

"What! No Peace?"

But they don't talk politics in the shelter. All they want in the shelter is to be able to sleep. How much longer is this going on? I heard them ask.

I was astonished to see that one could get shoes and clothes in Italy without ration cards. The food was better than in Stuttgart too.

But mummy and papa, who had been there for some time, said things were much scarcer in Italy now than they had been. And it is quite true: the macaroni was almost black.

They don't like the Germans in Italy, and they don't like the war. It was wonderful to see oranges on the trees. In Germany we did not even see oranges in the shops.

"England Will Win"

In the train on the way to Portugal through France, there were some sailors in our carriage. They were Alsations, and spoke German. They said the navy would never surrender to the Germans and that England

was sure to win the war.

I have never seen such poor-looking people as in Spain, or so many broken houses. And the Spaniards don't like the Germans either.

Some barefooted children picked up the crumbs from our sandwiches in the station. They were so astonished and glad to get them.

It is wonderful to be in Portugal. There is plenty to eat, the streets are full of happy people, and every one is pleasant to us. They like England here.

Write and tell me how it is in your shelter—whether the English are as frightened as the Germans, whether you have enough to eat, and whether you have to wear wooden shoes like I did.

Much love and kisses.

Your Rendel.

MAN GIVEN 10S. 6D. FOR LOSS OF SLEEP

A London Transport rail employee who lost his sleep by attending Bow County Court was awarded 10s. 6d. costs by Judge Tudor Rees.

A solicitor said that the man should have been resting to get ready for night duty.

Judge Tudor Rees: What are you?

The Man: A fire guard.

The Judge: A fire guard!

The Man: Well, a fire watcher.

The Judge: And you lost your sleep through coming here. I will allow you half-a-guinea.

WANTS MORE HATE FOR HUNS IN WAR EFFORT

"It is time a bit of healthy hate for the Hun crept into our war effort," declared Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, Director of Air Force Recruiting in Canada, in a speech at Kingston, Ontario. "Canada must win the war or perish," he added.—Reuter.

HEELS TO BE LOW!

Big changes in footwear styles including a ban on high heels and the manufacture of the sandal type of shoe — which is much favoured by women — are expected shortly.

All fancy footwear and decorative effects on shoes are expected to come under the ban.

"Utility" footwear is to be the aim, so that one pair of shoes will serve for various styles of dress.

An order imposing the ban is likely to be made soon by the Minister of Supply.

Manufacturers have been consulted on limitation of supply and the production of "utility" footwear which the manufacturers believe can be done without sacrificing design.

The new footwear will be designed for long wear.

NEW HAIR STYLE DICTATED BY PIN FAMINE

ENGLISH GIRLS are going to lose those long, rolling curls soon. There is a scarcity of hairpins, and it is going to get worse. The metal is needed for Britain's war effort. Hairdressers are therefore designing new styles. Curls will not disappear altogether, but they will be shorter and tighter.

Mr. E. L. Gifford, managing director of a firm of hairdressers in London's West End, told a reporter:—

"I used to buy hairpins by the hundredweight. Now I am forced to buy them by the thousand.

"We have used over half a ton in our shops since the beginning of the war, but they are getting so scarce now that new hair styles dispensing with pins will have to be found.

"There is a definite tendency for hair to be shorter.

The New Style

"We have designed a style in which short, tight curls take the place of hairpins.

"Straight hair from one side of the head is scraped over and interlaced with tight curls on the other side."

A well-known manufacturer said:

"We have great difficulty in ob-

taining the wire for the pins because it is being used for war purposes.

"We have had to ration our customers to one box of 1,000 pins at a time. The shortage is likely to continue for the duration."

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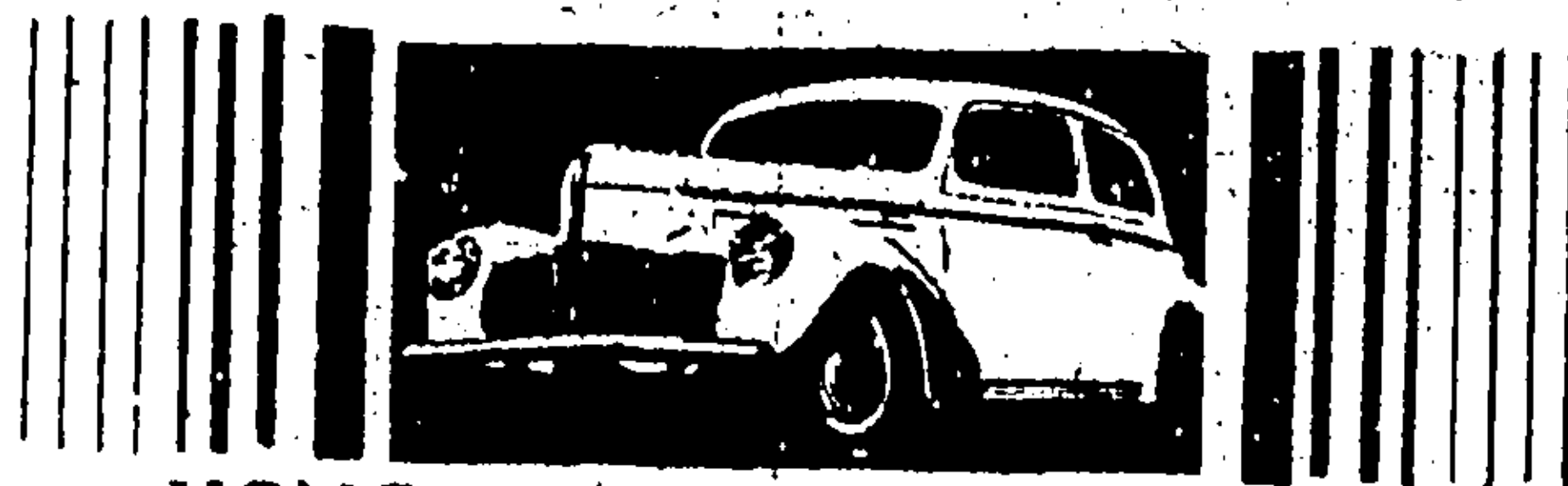
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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than "six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

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24th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

A Losing Slam Bid By The Four Aces

"Please clear up a point for us," is the plea of a Baltimore reader. "In the hand attached, North felt justified in bidding a Grand Slam on the theory that an opening two-bid guaranteed a great deal of high-card strength. South insists that she had a game if North had as little as the Jack of diamonds, and was therefore correct in opening with a two-bid. Who is right?"

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7
♥ A K J
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ A K Q 9 3
♠ A 6
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 4 2
♣ K 4 3
♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ 9 7 6 5 3
♦ J 10 7 4
♣ K Q J 10 9 8
♠ A Q 10 8 7 6
♥ 8

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	7♣	Pass
Pass	Dbt	Pass	Pass

We agree with North. An opening two-bid should guarantee at least half of the high-card strength in the deck, largely to guard against just the sort of mishap which took place in this hand. Fine players all recognise that a large part of the burden in Slam bidding after an opening two-bid rests on the weak hand. The strong hand shows nearly all his strength in the opening bid of two; it is up to his partner to judge whether or not his support is sufficient to carry on to Slam.

The actual South player was, of course, correct in assuming that game was possible if North held as little as the Jack of diamonds. But that fact did not make it necessary for her to open with a two bid. If we assume that North has a blank hand except for the Jack of diamonds, how likely is it that neither East nor West will be able to make a bid, and that

an opening bid of one spade will therefore be passed out? A moment's reflection will show that chance is so negligible as to be disregarded. We think South must accept responsibility for the losing Slam because of the unwise two-bid.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 9 6
♥ K 4 3
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Muler	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	(?)

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Question No. 673

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ K 5 2
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Muler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	(?)

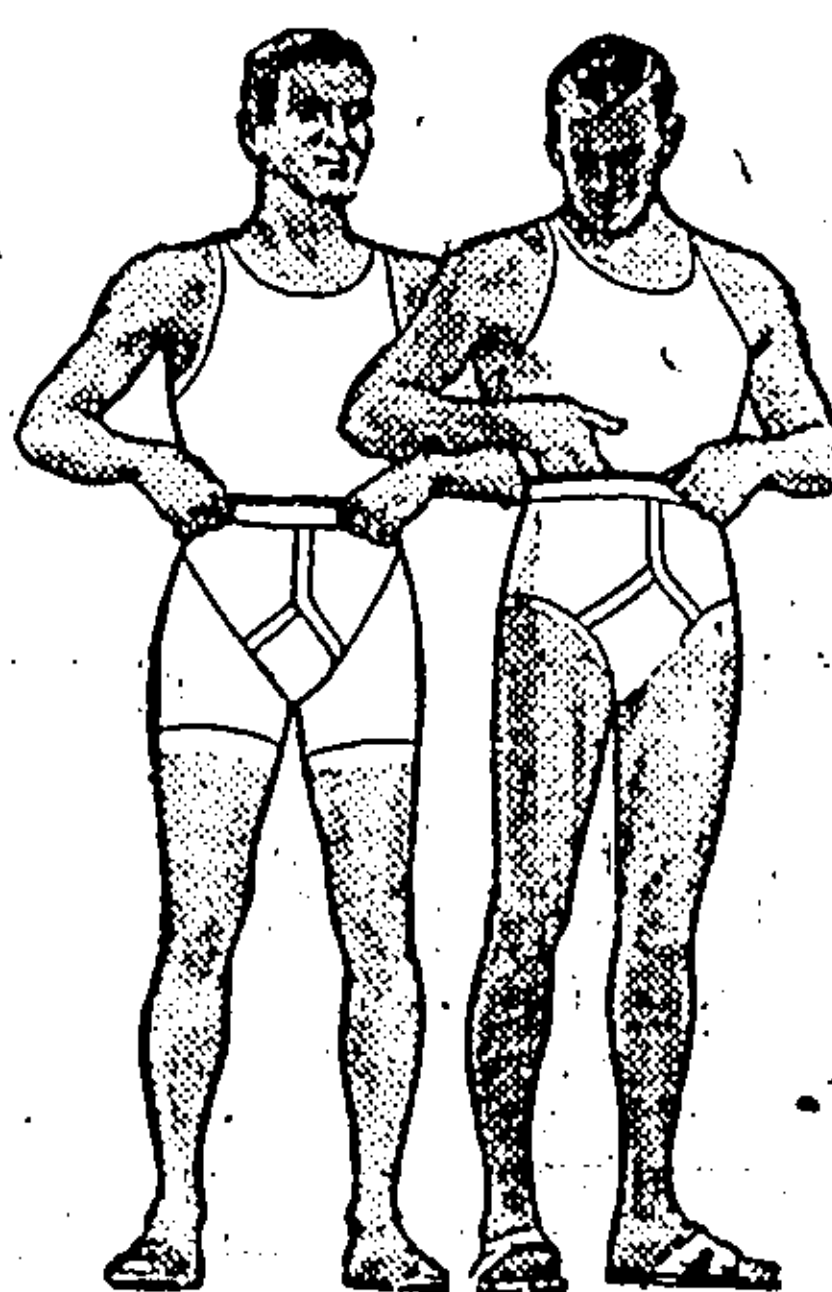
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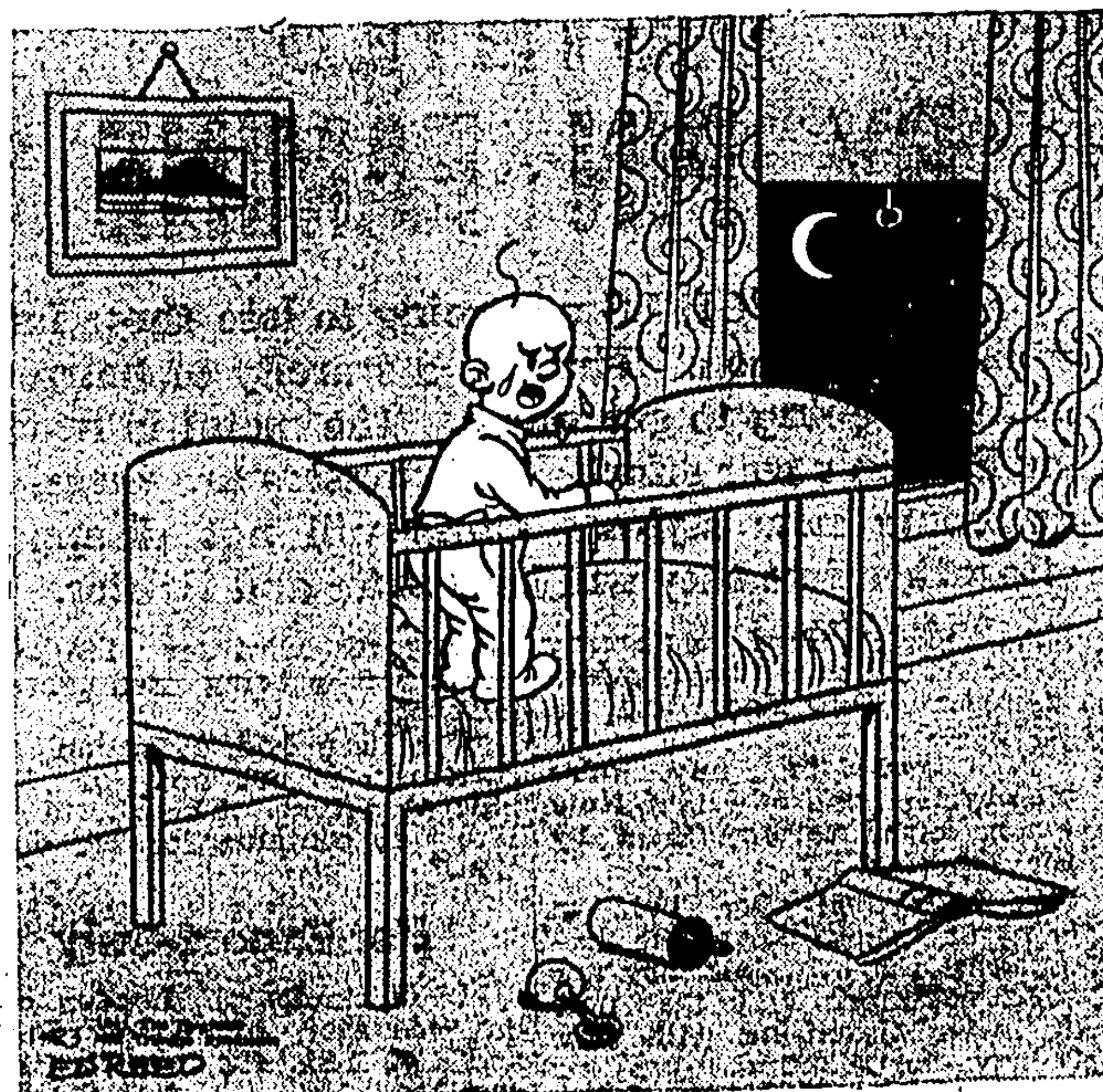
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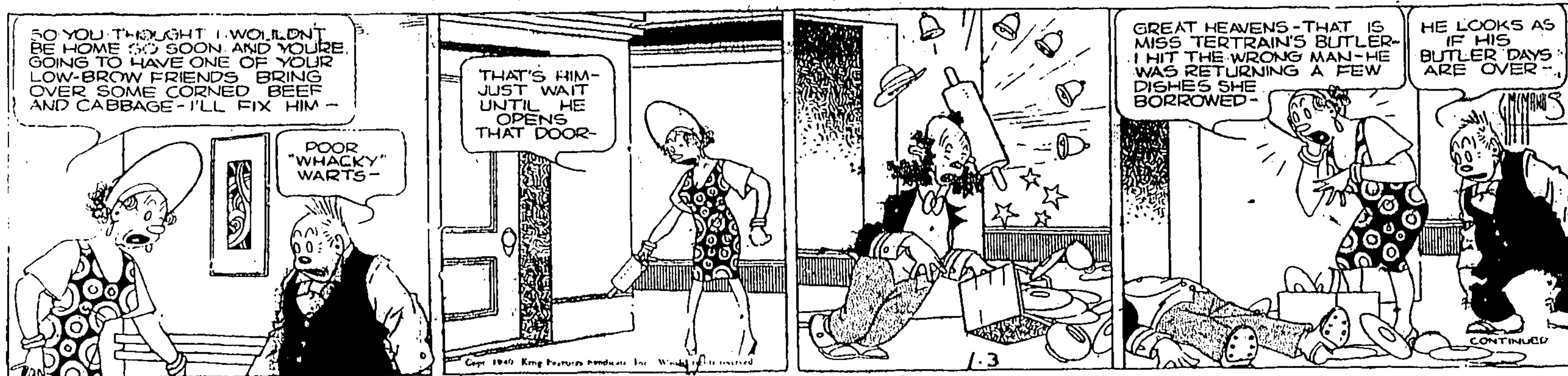
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Get Most Out Of Holiday

There is a bit of advice I would like to give those of you who are planning a holiday -board the ship looking as attractive as you possibly can with a thoughtfully planned wardrobe and then you will get full benefit out of your holiday.

Many girls and women hope for the impossible. They go when they are dead tired thinking, "I'll rest on the boat," and they foolishly hope that the swimming or exercise they do during their holiday will slim them and make them beautiful! No such thing happens.

Things happen so fast on board that there is little time for any repairs of beauty or wardrobe! When you first enter the dining room you are quite aware of many eyes scrutinising you - those eyes notice every detail of your personal appearance and are trying to determine whether you are one they want to know during the trip. They notice whether your hair is nicely dressed, if your clothes are appropriate, if your figure is well-groomed and pleasing in proportion. They are candid eyes and the first impression you make with them is very important. Your trip can be dull as anything if your shipmates don't like you!

Plan Well In Advance

Unless you are a veteran traveler it is best to plan well in advance of your trip. Either exercise at home to refashion your figure (if it requires streamlining) or go to a gym and do it. Remember you will want to wear sun suits, bathing suits, slacks (which should never be worn if your



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hips are bulging), and evening gowns.

Plan to give your hair and skin weekly treatments for a month or two to bring new beauty to them. If you need a permanent have that at least ten days before you leave so it will be softened and natural looking. Go to the dentist and have the vital work done because it's no fun having a toothache in a foreign port and there is no dentist on board!

Be sure to stock your cosmetic bag with sufficient aids. You will need above all a couple of bottles of cream, a fluffy cleanser, a soother in case you do get sun-

burned, a depilatory and deodorant, a few eyepads, a well equipped manicure kit, a pair of good sun glasses, a scalp lubricant (sun robs hair of lustre you know), brush and comb, a few curlers to primp up with after a pool swim, protective turban for your hair and a brand new set of make-up. That means darker powder for tanned skin, a brilliant lipstick to go with tropical colours, rouge possibly, and a glamorous eye-shadow for night wear.

Your clothes should be all sport clothes for daytime and airy, summery evening dresses for night. The cover-up dinner dresses seem to be highly favoured and most comfortable. So ship-ahoy and a grand voyage for you with a dash of romance!

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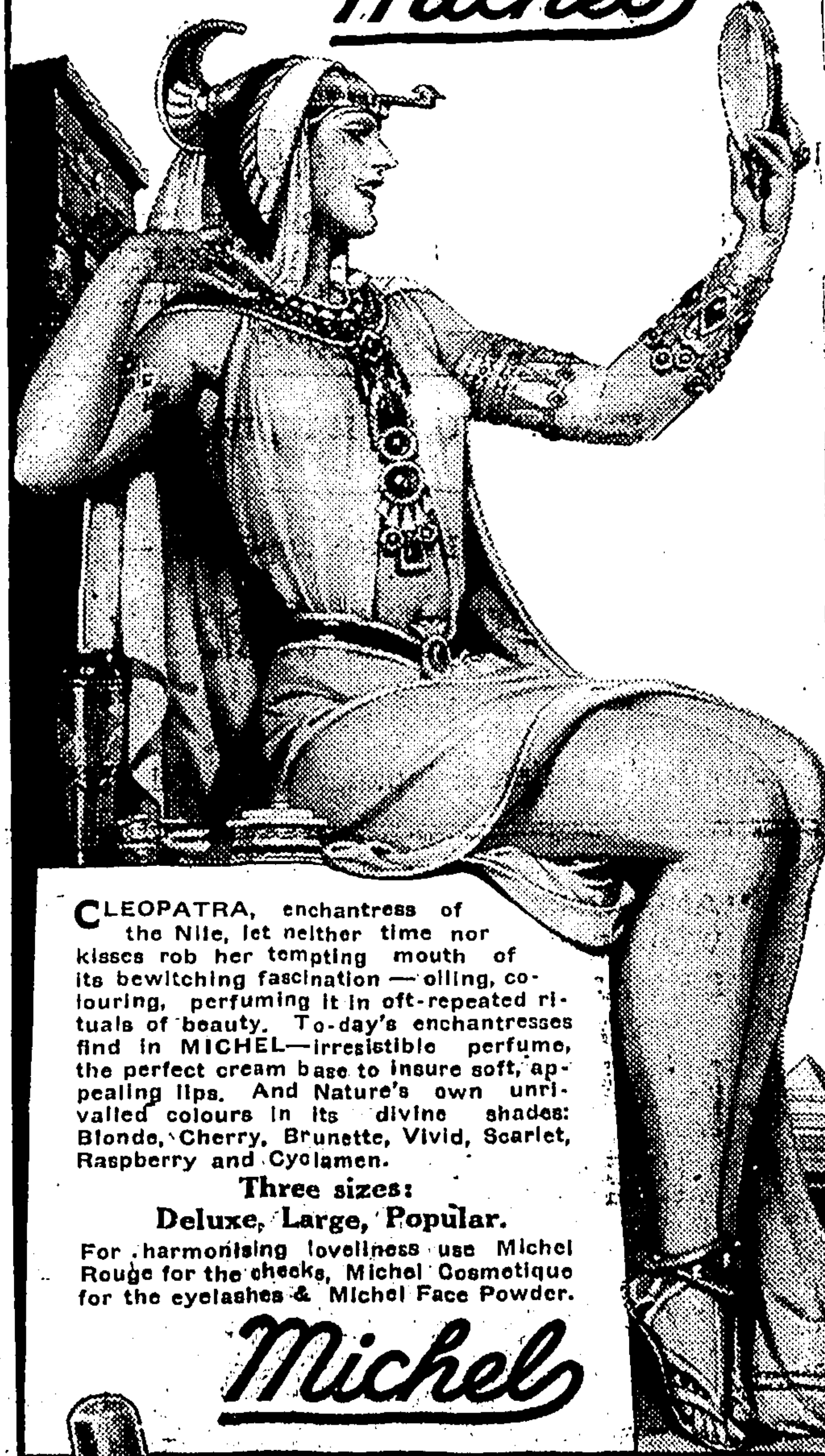
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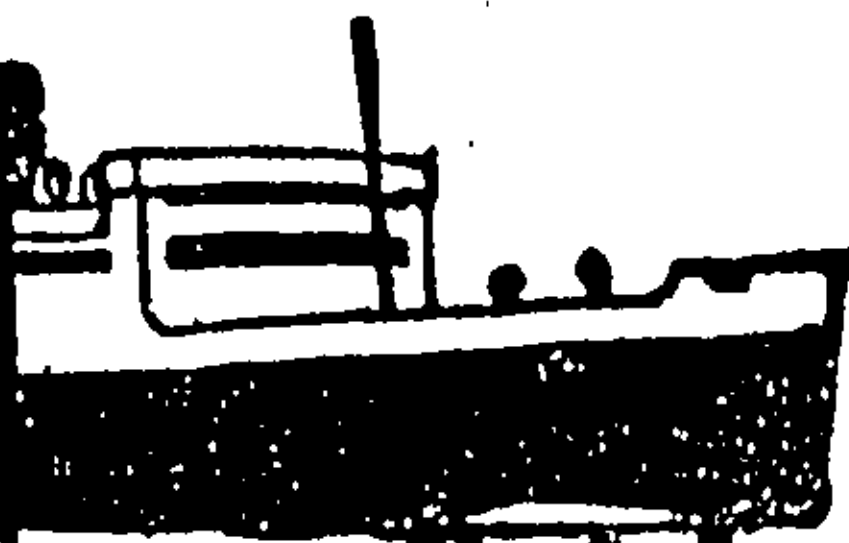
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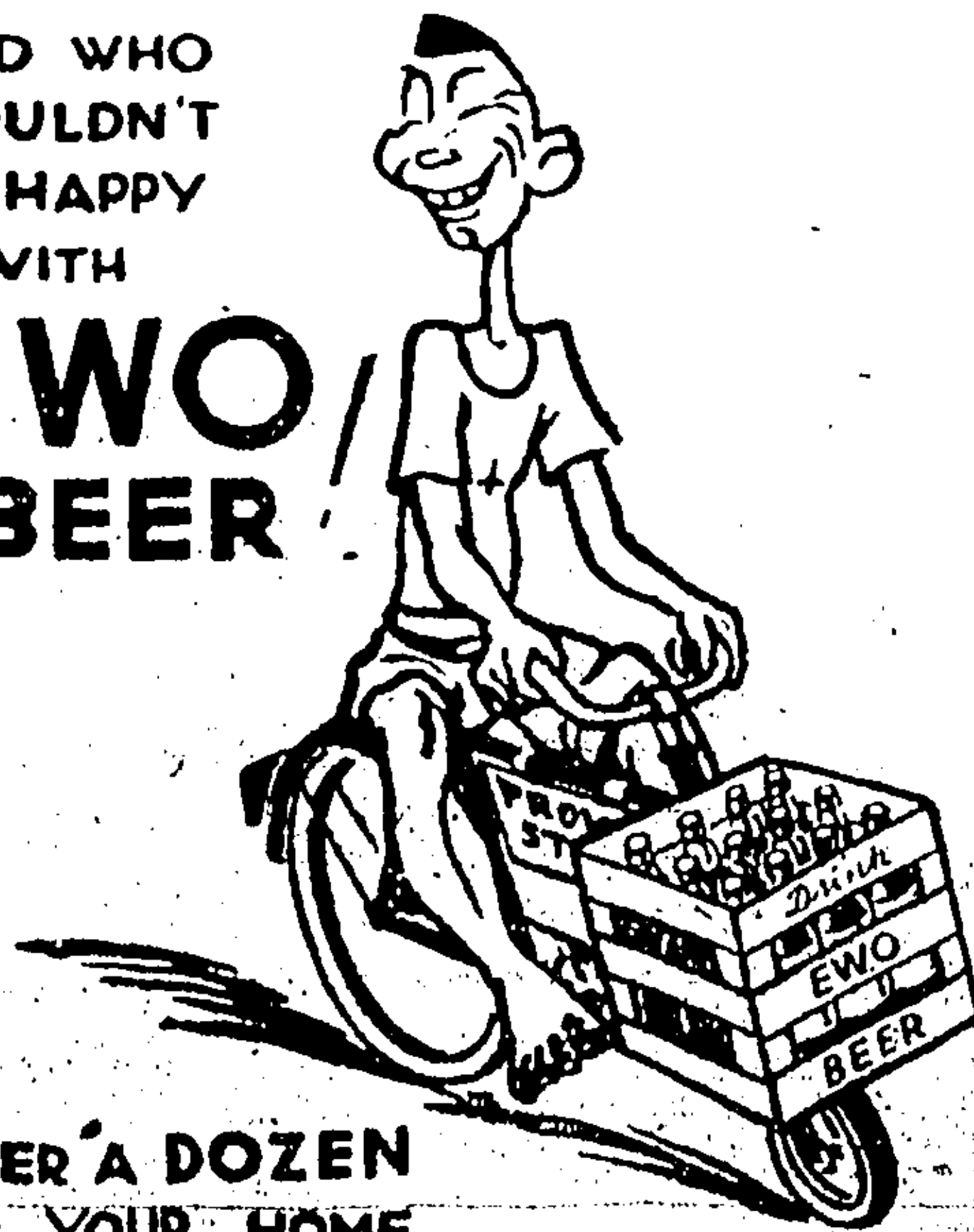
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Reg. 26th 5.00 p.m.

Ord. 27th 8.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." K.P.O.

Reg. 2.00 p.m.

Ord. 2.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. 2.00 p.m.

Ord. 2.30 p.m.

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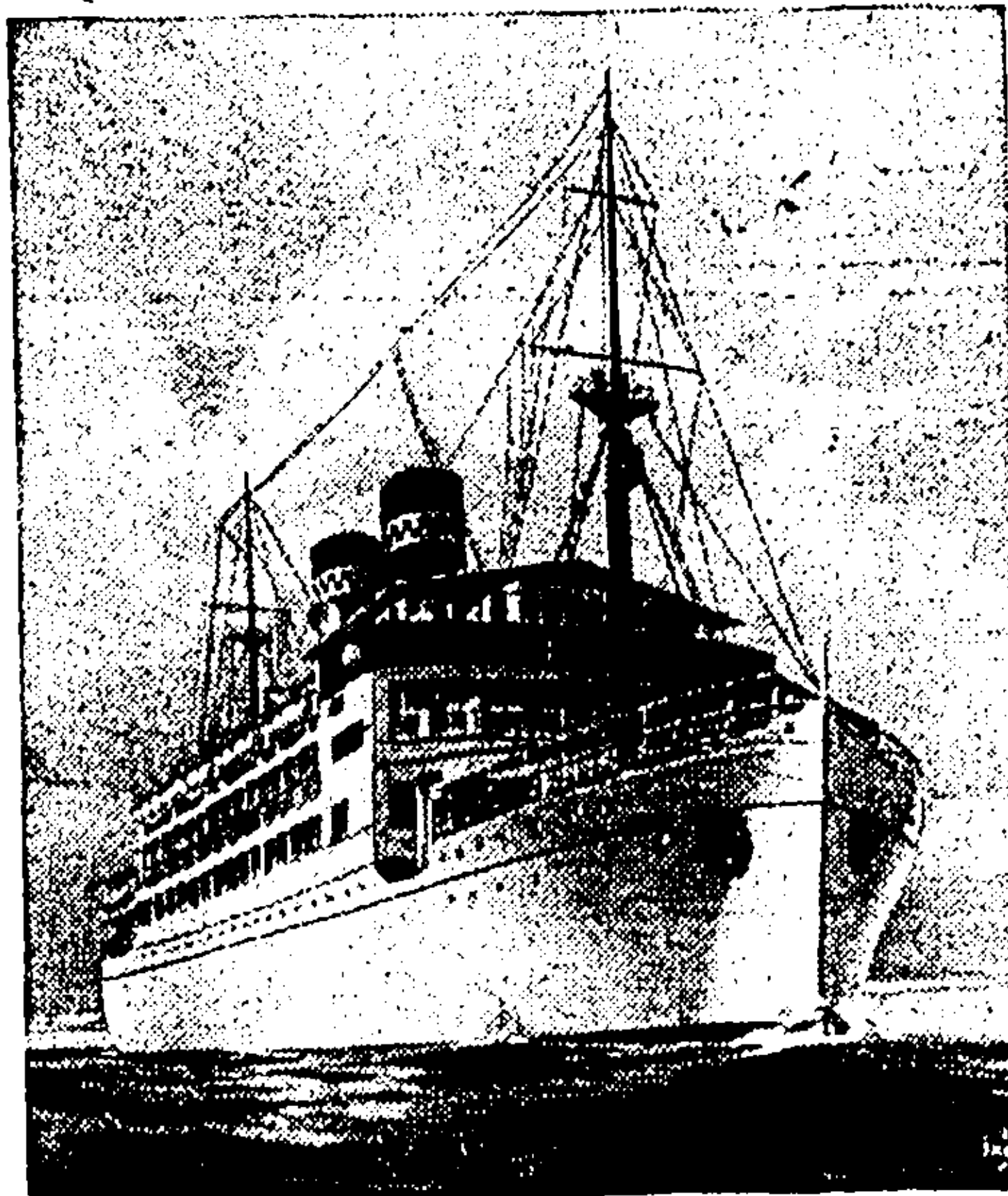
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12.30 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 20. Intro: Robins and Roses; Laughing Irish Eyes; A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody.

Kunz Revivals No. 13. Intro: When I grow too old to dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My dance; In the merry month of May; The girl with the dreamy eyes.

12.40 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections. My Little Grass Shack in Kealahou (Noble & Others); Hilo Hanakahi (Halekalea); Kanui & Lula (Hawaiian Novelty).

Blue Sparks; My South Sea Sweetheart; Masters' Hawaiian (Steel Guitar & Banjo). Aloha Beloved (Canfield & Others); Mauna Loa (Dale); Kanui & Lula (Hawaiian Novelty).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Weber—Fantasia on Melodies of Johann Strauss. Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trots—Im Singing a Song for the Old Folks; Hear All, See All, Say Now!

Quickstep—Fall in and Fly.

Waltz—Easy Street.

Fox-Trots—Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride; Change Partners (from 'Carefree'); It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do; I Don't Want to Make History (from 'Palm Springs').

Waltz—By the Wishing Well.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—New Variety.

Piano—Sousa and Strauss in Reverse

—A Musical Caricature Alice Templeton.

Comedians—Talking Shop. Big and Stinker's Moment Musical Arthur Askey & Richard Murdoch.

Organ—Childhood Memories (arr. Debroy Somers). Reginald Ford.

Vocal—Shake down the Stars (De Lange, Van Heusen). Tiggery-Boo! (Hullfax). Elsie Gamble with Instrumental acc.

Vocal—Devil May Care (Burke-Warrent). When the Swallows come back to Capistrano (Gene) Dick Todd with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

Overture 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' (Nicolai). The BBC Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

Chauve-Souris—Duet from Pique Dame (Tchakovsky). Eugene Safonova and Finaida Erchova with the Cambridge Theatre Orchestra.

From Foreign Parts, A Funny Story. Catch Me if You Can, Entertaining Child from Schumann's 'Scenes from Childhood'. Yves Nat (Piano).

Manuel (Bocherini); Gavotte in E (for Strings) (Bach). The Walter String Players.

Ombra Mai Fu ('Xerxes'—Handel). Enrico Caruso (Tenor).

Traumerei (Schumann). Edwin H. Lemare (Organ).

Abendlied (Schumann). Tarantella (Sarasate). Manuel Quiroga (Violin) with Piano.

Eugen Onegin (Tchakovsky). Polonaise; Waltz. State Opera Orch. Oriental Prayer ('Lakme'—Delibes).

Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus.

Poupee Valsante (Poldini). Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano.

Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette' Suite) — Tchakovsky. Rawicz & Landauer (Two Pianos).

Spring Song (Mendelssohn). Columbia Symphony Orchestra.

I Love Thee (Grieg); Parted (Tosti). Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.

Comin' Thro' the Rye (Trad.); The Bonnie, Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond (Trad.). Dora Labbett (Soprano) with Piano.

Foursome, Intro: Highland Whisky; Jenny Dang the Weaver—Reel; Lady Mary Ramsay—Strathspey; Reel o' Tulloch—Reel. Meredith-Kay & His Orchestra.

When the Kaye Comes Home. Frank Gordon (Bass-Baritone) with Piano.

Sword Dance (Callum). Highland Military Band.

In Hebridean Seas (from 'Songs of the Hebrides' — Kennedy-Fraser). Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) with Piano.

Skit Dance—Woodland Flowers. Highland Military Band.

Bonnie Mary of Argyll (Trad.); The Bloom is on the Rye (Fitzball-Bishop). Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 p.m.—Compositions of Rachmaninoff.

Polka De W.R. Sergel Rachmaninoff (Piano).

O Cease Thy Singing... Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra and Electrone.

Polichinelle... Left Poulshnoff (Piano).

Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5; Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.

Concerto No. 1 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 1—1st Mov. Vivace; 2nd Mov. Andante; 3rd Mov. Allegro vivace... Sergel Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Orchestra cond. by Eugene Ormandy.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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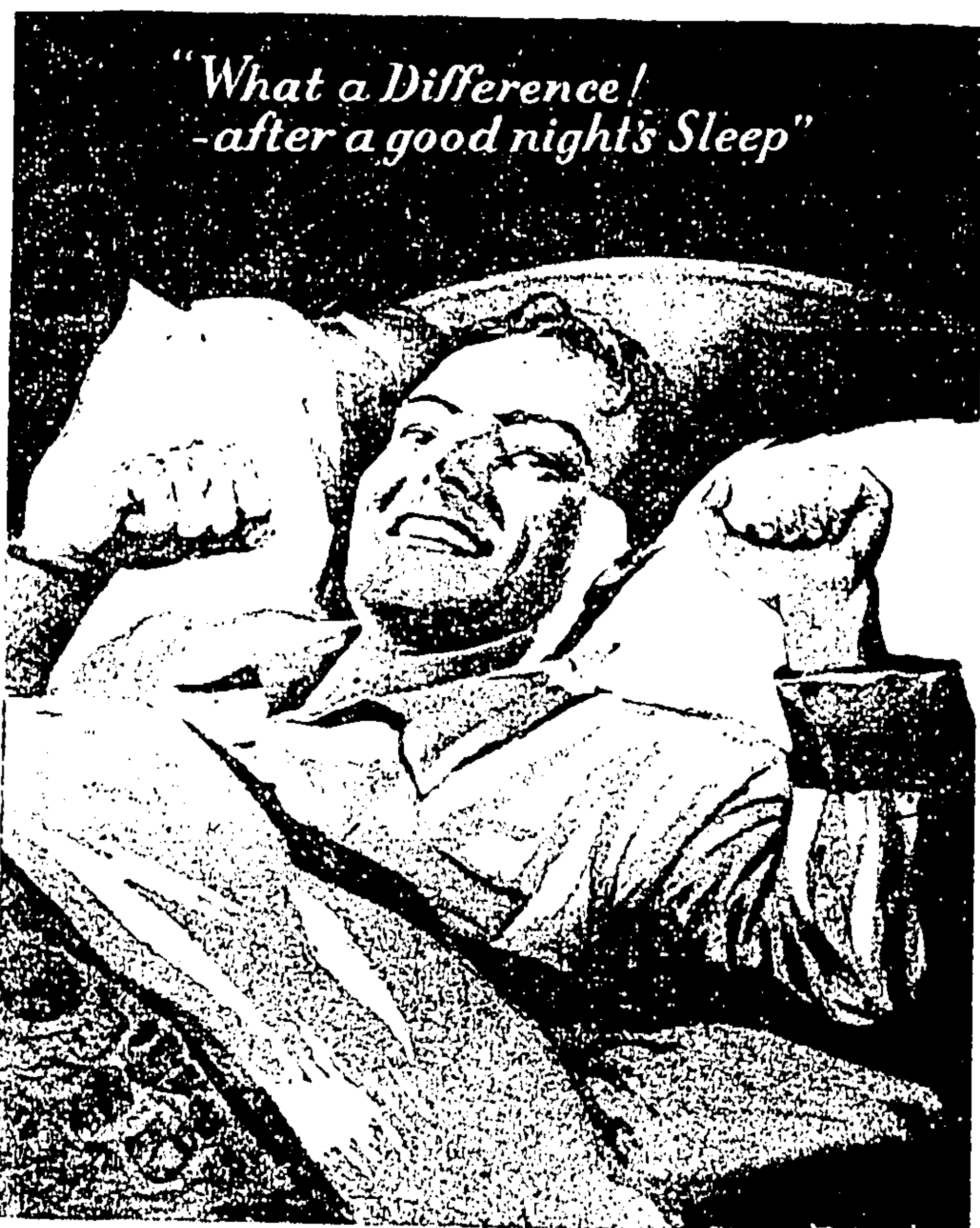
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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

'ARTILLERY' CUP SOCCER FINAL TO-MORROW

Winter Season Drawing To Close

By "Squaddy"

THE Command Tug-of-War Tournament commences on April 1 and there are two weights, 110 stone and 130 stone. This year there is only one draw for both weights, so as to enable both teams to travel together and save expenses. Last year's winners 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. of both weights, have been drawn against the Royal Scots and should have no difficulty in entering into the Semi-Final. The draw for the tournament is as follows:

1ST ROUND
8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. v 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
5th A.A. Regt., R.A. v 5/7th Rajput Regt.
2nd Royal Scots v 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.
1st Middlesex Regt. v 2/14th

Punjab Regt.
The first named team has the choice of ground, and the First Round has to be completed before Sunday, April 20. The Semi-Finals and Finals will be pulled off on the Polo ground Kowloon, on April 22, 23 and 24. At the Middlesex Regiment Athletic meeting, held last week, some fine performances were put up and two of last year's Army records were broken. The Throwing the Discus record was beaten by Pte. Lever, who threw it 114 feet 7½ inches, thus beating his last year's effort 6 by ½ inches, and the High Jump event was also beaten by 1 inch, last year's Army team was 10 feet 6 inches, and this year "B" Coy. cleared 10

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
Rugby Large Units League
Royal Engineers v Royal Artillery (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
TO-MORROW
Cricket—Large Units Final
Royal Engineers v Small Units (Sookunpoo, 2.00 p.m.)
Football—Royal Artillery Cup Final
20th Hvy. Bty. R.A. v 30th Hvy. Bty. R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
THURSDAY
Cricket—Large Units Final
Royal Engineers v Small Units (Sookunpoo, 2.00 p.m.)
SATURDAY
Football—(1st Division)
Royal Scots v H.K. Police (Boundary St., Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)
SUNDAY
Football—(Governor's Cup)
H.K.F.A. v C.A.A. Federation (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

HOME RACING STARTS TO-MORROW

JOCKEYS IN SERVICE GREATCOATS

Shorn of the usual peacetime glamour and bound by restrictions through wartime conditions the flatt racing season begins with the Lincolnshire Handicap at Lincoln to-morrow. Despite the anti-sport element, which has been responsible for the cancellation of the Grand National, one of the biggest turf spectacles of the world with the exception of the Epsom Derby, the fact that racing has overcome more obstacles in the past nine months than in its whole history proves that it is general-

ly required both as a successful breeding industry and for relaxation of all participating in the war effort.

All Types Of Owners

In spite of conditions which require the rationing of food-stuffs, even for the reduced number of horses in training, there is great optimism and owners of all types, varying from a peer, who was formerly Secretary of State for India, to a Doncaster publican, are competing for the first big prize.

Transport difficulty will naturally restrict the attendance at the meeting at which Khaki and Air Force blue will provide a splash of colour, and many jockeys will parade in the Pad-dock with Air Force or Army greatcoats over their silks. —Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme—
Open Singles
Tsuai Van-pui v C. H. R. Oxlade (5).
Tsuai Van-pui v O. Runjahn (8).
Club Championship
H. Van Leeuwen v G. W. Sewell (6).
H. J. Armstrong v A. H. Barwell (7).
Club Handicap Singles
F. D. Hunter (plus 2/6) or S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6) v J. Shirling Lee (—2/6) or E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) (1).
Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church (—3/6) v R. E. Guest and Mrs. Lambert Baker (—15/2) (2); Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dalziel (—3/6) (3); V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (—4/6) v H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell (—3/6) (4).

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. at League Cricket on Saturday:
1st XI v University (Home).—
J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Perry, R. H. Griffiths, E. W. Pudney, N. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.
2nd XI v Kowloon C.C. (Away).—
H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. Mitchell, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson.
D. S. ROBB'S ELEVEN
The following will play for D. S. Robb's XI against T. A. Pearce's Army XI at the H.K.C.C. on Saturday at 2 p.m.:
D. S. Robb, C. W. E. Bishop, H. J. Armstrong, N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, J. Hackney, W. G. Finnie, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, E. W. Pudney and R. S. W. Paterson.

WAH YAN COLLEGE SPORTS TO-DAY

The 16th Annual Athletic meeting of the Wah Yan College will be held at Caroline Hill, commencing at 1 p.m., to-day. Mrs. M. B. Costello, will distribute the prizes, at the conclusion of the sports.

SUNDAY'S BOWLS

The Lawn Bowls Match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Northumberland and Durham Association which was to have taken place on the 18th and was postponed on account of the weather has now been arranged for Sunday at K.C.C.

SNOKKER

THE Medical Corps added another trophy to their Billiards and Snooker collection by defeating Royal Engineers Sgts. last Thursday in the last game of the Garrison Snooker League. The final position of all teams was as follows—

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	14	9	1	4	56
R.E. Sgts.	14	9	3	2	55
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	14	6	3	5	46
C.M. Police	14	3	4	7	41
R.E. "A" Team	14	2	5	7	38
R.A.P.C.	14	3	6	5	35
Signals "A" Team	14	3	8	3	33
Signals Cpls.	14	2	7	5	32

RUGBY

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo only one game is being played in the Large Units' Rugby League and that between Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery. This should be an interesting match to watch as both teams are on top, although the Engineers have a big lead in points.

The Engineers have not yet lost a match in this competition.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Royal Engineers	6	6	0	0	12
Royal Artillery	5	3	2	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined Small Units	5	0	4	1	1

CRICKET

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday and Thursday the Final of the Large Units Cricket Competition will be played between Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units commencing at 2 p.m. each day. Last week the Royal Engineers defeated Royal Artillery in the Semi-Final by eleven runs.

feet 7 inches. Pte. Bindon clearing 5 feet 4 inches. He might have done better but stopped.

Times and distances set up at last year's Command meeting were—

Throwing the Discus 203 ft. 1½ ins. (Middlesex Regt. team).
Putting the Weight 71 ft. (Team H.K.S.R.A.).
Throwing the Hammer 205 ft. 5 ins. (2/Royal Scots).
Long Jump 39 ft. 10 ins. (5/6th Rajputana Rifles team).
High Jump Team Tie 10 ft. 6 ins. (5th A.A. Regt., R.A. and 6th Hvy. Regt., R.A.).
Throwing the Javelin 318 ft. 8½ ins. (1st Middlesex Regt.).
Three Miles Team Race 16 mins. 21 secs. (5/6th Rajputana Rifles).
The Pole Vault 18 ft. 10 ins. (H.K.S.R.A.).
2 Miles Relay 8 mins. 45½ secs. (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.).
880 Yards Relay 1 min. 39 secs. (1st Middlesex Regt.).
1 Mile Team Race (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.).
480 Yards Hurdles Relay 1 min. 13 secs. (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.).
1 Mile Relay 3 mins. 41 secs. (Royal Scots).
440 Yards Relay 46-2/5 secs. (1st Middlesex Regt.).
110 Stone Tug-of-War (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.).
130 Stone Tug-of-War (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.).
INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS
Throwing Discus 110 ft. 1 in.
High Jump 5 ft. 4 ins.
Long Jump 20 ft. 11 ins.
Pole Vault 10 ft. 2 ins.
Javelin 177 ft.
Putting Weight 35 ft. 4 ins.
Hammer 117 ft. 2 ins.

BOXING

THE Command Boxing Inter-Unit Competition will take place at Murray Barracks on April 8, 9 and 10 commencing at 8.30 p.m. each night. The following have entered for the competition—
2nd Royal Scots.
1st Middlesex Regiment.
Royal Artillery.
Combined Small Units (Provisional) if they can raise a team. If the four teams can enter it will be the first time that four teams have fought for a good many years and it would make the competition more open.

FOOTBALL

TO-morrow, at Sookunpoo, the Final of the Royal Artillery Football Cup will be played between 20th Bty. R.A. and 30th Bty. R.A.

The Royal Army Service Corps have entered the Final of the Junior Shield and will meet South China in the Final. This should prove a good game and I think that Service Corps should be able to pull off this competition and enable this shield which was won last year by 30th Hvy. Bty. R.A. to remain with Army.

Now that the end of the season is drawing near and the Middlesex Regt. have only one more match to play, and that against the Club, they are certain to finish fourth in First Division. It is suggested that the Champion Chinese eleven, South China, play against the best European eleven

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KOH'S FINE FEAT; IMPRESSIVE DEBUT OF M.P. YOONG

Hooi And Miss Khoo Play Well

BADMINTON OF THE very highest order was seen at Kowloon Cricket Club last night when a large programme was successfully disposed of.

Highlight of the evening was the defeat of C. Au, runner-up last year and who beat Henry Eardley in the previous round in the current tournament, at the hands of his club-mate, F. Koh.

The latter played powerful all-round badminton which forced Au into errors, and was good value for his win.

The senior doubles match between the Yoongs, and Amplavannar and Cheah provided evidence of another possible threat to the singles crown. If M. P. Yoong is as good at the singles game as he is at doubles, he should provide a strong challenge for the title.

He was the outstanding player on the court last night and, well supported by his brother, there was never any doubt as to the outcome of the match.

Former Champions Impress

The junior singles and the first mixed match were not very interesting but there were some thrilling rallies in the second match in which former title-holders P. K. Hooi and Miss Ulian Khoo beat the powerful Recreo combination of J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva.

Hooi was in brilliant form and with Miss Khoo tucking away anything loose at the net, the University pair established their superiority after a great first game and settled down to play faultless badminton and win the second game at 15-7.

Results

Following were the results:
SENIOR SINGLES—F. Koh beat C. Au, 15-9, 15-10.
SENIOR DOUBLES—M. P. and Y. P. Yoong beat S. Amplavannar and C. K. Cheah, 15-10, 15-4.
JUNIOR SINGLES—Peter Lo beat R. M. Lavalle, 15-1, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES—P. Wong and Miss M. Ribelro beat J. Odell and Miss J. Choa, 15-4, 15-2; P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva, 17-14, 15-7.

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's badminton Championship programme:

AT TAIKOO
Junior Singles
J. Odell v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).
P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale (8.45 p.m.).
D. Chelliah v W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

Junior Doubles
R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (9.30 p.m.).

DATE FOR LADIES HOCKEY SEVENS FIXED

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Women's Hockey Association was held yesterday.

It was decided that the Seven-a-Side Tournament be held on April 5 at 3 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground, if available, or on the Central British Association ground. No gate will be charged, but a collection will be made during the afternoon for the "S. C. M. Post" Bomber Fund.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Hong Kong Umpires Association asking for umpires for the afternoon.

As the local football season is nearing its conclusion, "Judge's" football problems and answers have now been discontinued. This feature will probably be continued at the commencement of next season.

MACAULAY'S ONLY TEST APPEARANCE

A soaked cricket shirt hanging over the rail of the players dressing-room veranda at Leeds. . .

I saw it dripping wet as clearly as I heard the B. B. C. announcer ending Saturday night's nine o'clock news bulletin with the news that Pilot-Officer George G. Macaulay, the Yorkshire cricketer, had died on active service, writes L. V. Manning.

I also saw a vast, perspiring, shirt-sleeved crowd waving hats and newspapers and heard again the Yorkshire roar as a dark-haired, weary cricketer climbed the pavilion steps on his way back from the bravest rescue innings I remember in a Test—a bowler who had saved England from crushing defeat with his bat and was never asked to play again!

A Noble "Tail"

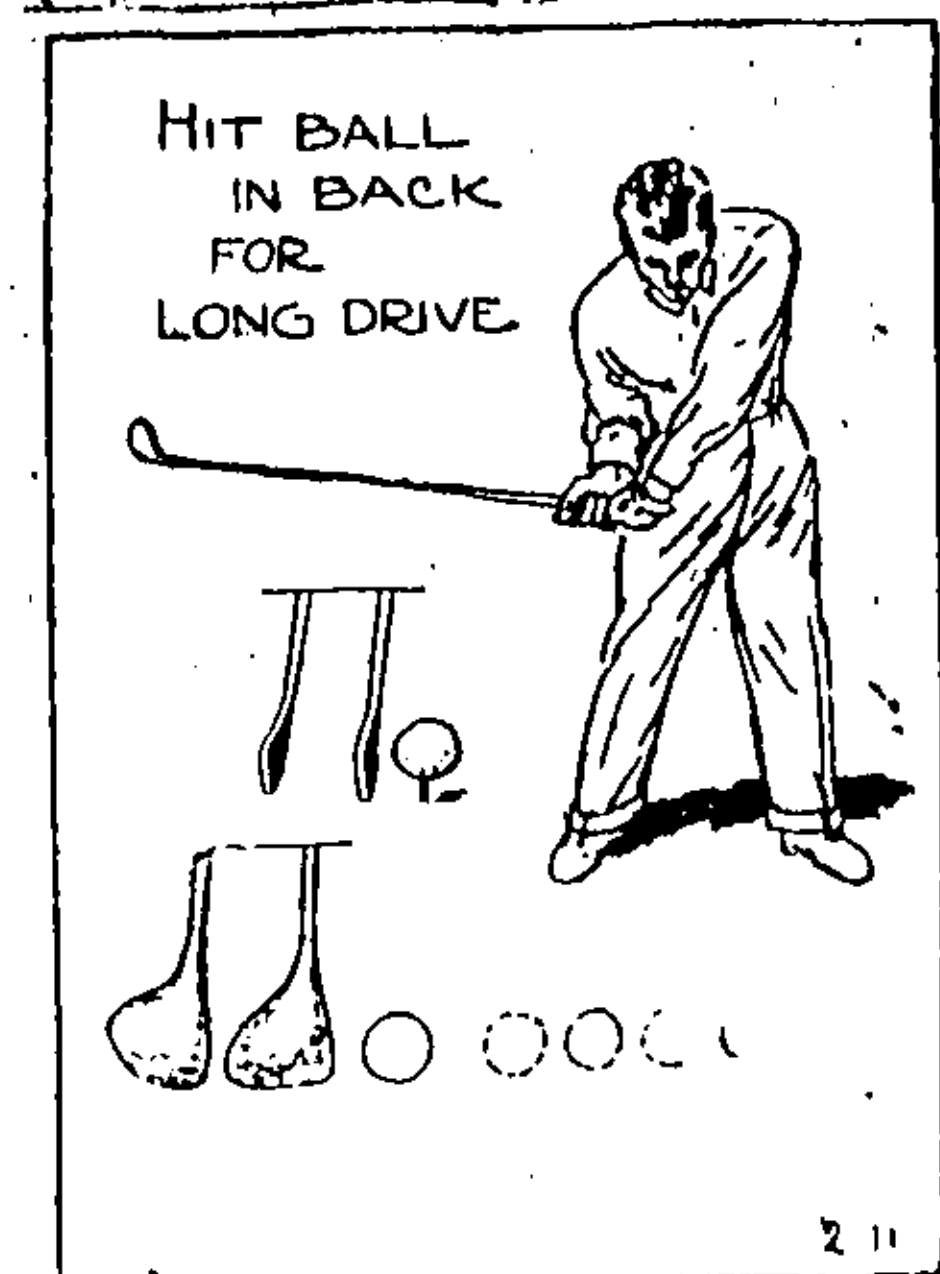
The bat and the shirt were George Macaulay's. The match the crazy heatwave Headingly Test of 1928, known to historians as Macartney's match—which is a gross injustice to the other "Mac." Never has there been such a noble tail wriggle by a humiliated England.

An epic ninth-wicket stand yielded 108 runs (Macaulay 76) and gave England her honourable draw.

First-And Last

It was the Yorkshireman's first Test match—and his last. Perhaps it was as well, for George never before or after touched such Olym-

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The golfer who desires distance can follow no better procedure than hitting the ball straight in the back with a sweeping blow. This necessitates approaching the ball with the clubhead travelling close to the ground and parallel with it prior to impact. Hit square to the line in this fashion the ball will travel a low trajectory and have a considerable roll left when it finally comes to earth. Cyril Tolley used to gain considerable distance by contacting the ball slightly on the upswing which added a forward roll to the ball. However, for the rank and file of players the straight in the back method affords a more accurately struck ball. The loft of the club will make the ball rise.

For quick stopping shots, on the other hand, the player should hit down on the ball adding backspin. This reverse spin acts as a brake to the ball when it comes to earth, stopping the sphere within a comparatively short space of its landing spot.

Next Article:—The Putting Path.

pian heights of pure batsmanship as England's sorry plight inspired that day.

It had in it something of Macartney's audacity, Bradman's machine-accuracy on the same wicket in 1930 and 1934, and Len Hutton's monumental Oval obstinacy in 1936.

And it was played on a rain-

CALIENTE STILL DEBATING REAL JOCKEY WINNER

Down at Caliente, in old Mexico, they're still thrashing out the 1940 jockey race, captured by Earl Dew with 287 winners, writes an American correspondent. Dew is a great favourite at the Tijuana track, and they resent the charge credited to his rival, Walter Lee Taylor, that the champion enjoyed an unfair advantage by riding in 10-race programmes south of the border.

Caliente sees no reason why its races shouldn't count, since they're conducted under authorisation of the Jockey Club of New York.

Caliente also points out that while Dew was enjoying this "unfair advantage," he was riding only one day a week at Caliente in the late spring, while Taylor was racing six days in the east. Officials say the little Idowan rode in about 100 less races than Taylor, had a much higher percentage of winners.

ruined wicket from which the top had been irretrievably destroyed by the heavy traffic of the Australian innings. I heard a 20 to 1 bet taken at the Griffin on an England defeat by a Yorkshireman who said: "That's forgotten oor George."

The Secret Recipe

Ken Farnes lost his job at a bank through running away to watch a Test match.

George Macaulay also deserted a safe bank job for a cricket career.

He had a 15-year innings and it would have been longer had he not declared it closed through the rheumatism from which he was a chronic sufferer until miraculously cured by a mysterious recipe sent him by an unknown woman.

Later, the story of that cure crept into a broadcast by Bertie Lawton, famous old Derbyshire cricketer, with astonishing results.

For days the B. B. C., Lawton, and Macaulay were bombarded with thousands of requests and even demands for the cure.

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MR. FORREST'S REPLY

Immigration Office Commission In Session

Alternative To "Useless Tidiness"

MR. R. A. D. FORREST, THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER, GAVE EVIDENCE THIS MORNING WHEN THE SITTINGS OF THE COMMISSION ENQUIRING INTO THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT WERE RESUMED.

Mr. Forrest, in the course of his evidence, said: "It is time now I think to come to my diagnosis of the causes which led to the condition which has been described as "chaos" in the Department.

"While admitting that the Department leaves much to be desired—and no-one is more conscious than I am of what it has still to achieve—I must demur at the use of the word 'chaos.'

"All that can be said in favour of the term is that it probably expresses with fair exactitude the opinion of those whose idea of a well-run department is to be found complete within the binding of neatly entered cash book and stores ledger.

"To that view I must answer that the accounts of a department may be faultlessly kept and yet the Department be entirely without value so far as the main reason for its existence is concerned and thus a sheer waste of public money.

"Book-keeping chaos is undesirable, but is however to be preferred to the useless tidiness which was the possible alternative.

"That there has been anything quite so chaotic as has been alleged, in the affairs of the Immi-

gration Office, I deny, while readily conceding that things have been, and still are, far from perfect.

"When all is said and done, it is at least true that we have in existence a scheme of immigration control which keeps out the bulk of destitutes and otherwise undesirable entrants, which examines ships on entry more quickly than is done, so far as figures obtained from an officer of the Singapore I.O. go, more expeditiously than the Malayan Immigration Office, with six years experience behind it, does; and which, I may be permitted to boast, may have set a new record for hard work on the part of Government officers. Its ability to carry out its work within the margin set for it by revenue derived from fees somewhat arbitrarily fixed, and reduced below the amounts recommended by the draughtsman of the scheme, has been proved; and there is a substantial balance available for use on expanding and improving the department's services to the public

S'HAH BANK CLOSED

Reuters have been authorised to make the following statement: "The Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China announces that owing to damage caused by yesterday's bombing of the bank's premises, the offices of the Bank will be temporarily closed for repairs."—Reuter.

and in increasing its efficiency so soon as Government's financial advisers recognised that this balance is not in the ordinary sense revenue, but an accumulated sum clearly earmarked for that expansion.

The first cause of the disorganisation against which I have had to struggle was the inadequacy of the time allowed for preparation, which amounted to two months in all as against the six months during which the War Taxation Department made ready for its debut. I am here treating as preparatory the period immediately prior to enforcement of the Ordinance but subsequent to the opening of the office; that period was perforce foreshortened because it was wedged in between the date on which the office accommodation became available, and the latest date possible on which the restrictions might be usefully enforced. I ought perhaps to reckon in the two months of exploration before that date, but, as I have shown, that period was entirely useless so far as concerns training my staff, and almost quite useless as regards any opportunity for me to gain first-hand acquaintance with the problems involved, I being at that time fully engaged with my duties as Post-Master General and associated offices. It follows that I had available only two months in which to obtain for a newly recruited staff, which never outnumbered those with any previous Government experience by less than ten to one, the minimum of training required to ensure that on the date of enforcement they would have clearly in mind the main objects of the legislation and the main outlines of the methods of enforcement; this task, it must be remembered, was all the more difficult because I was at the same time trying myself to learn the established system of passports, and by trial and error to devise working rules for my staff, both indoor and outdoor. To crown all, no one knew or could have known in advance for what demand on the part of the public for our documents to be prepared; nor what numbers of staff to engage to meet that demand; the first of the two months of preparation was therefore occupied in the task of making a permit-issuing machine, and making that machine work with approximate regularity; only in the second month was there time to devote to the even more important questions of methods of examination of immigrants and the treatment to be accorded to them in their several categories. It is impossible to assign blame to any person in connection with this particular difficulty; haste was forced upon us by the conditions of the times, to some extent by hesitation of the home government to give full approval to the measures proposed; and so far as blame must rest anywhere it must be set to the account of those who propagated the rumour that the whole immigration scheme was a preparation for compulsory eviction from the Colony of all who could not show our immigration documents as a kind of residence permit, a rumour which caused large numbers to make application as soon as the office opened, while they had no intention whatever of travelling outside the limits of the Colony.

(ii). Shortage of trained staff. Before this department was called into existence no fewer than four emergency departments had been created since the outbreak of war; and others had greatly increased their staff. Some of the new departments had recruited specially trained men from outside the Colony, and all had made greater or less demands on the personnel of existing departments whose need

STOP PRESS

BRITISH WARNING NOTE TO YUGOSLAVIA OF NO EFFECT

(Continued from Page 1) broadcast yesterday by Athens Radio declared:

"THE GREEK PEOPLE REFUSES TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVIAN PEOPLE COULD EVER ACCEPT A CONDITION SO HUMILIATING TO THEMSELVES OR SO INIMICAL TO GREECE."

Ministers Leave

Later, The Yugoslav Prime Minister, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, have left Belgrade for Germany,

for expansion was less than their own. The head of any department is reluctant to see any but his less competent assistants taken from him; but while proportionate bleeding of all old departments of their experienced and tried subordinates would inevitably have led to a certain loss of efficiency in each, it cannot be questioned that to attempt to establish a new department with only 5% of trained men—trained, that is, in any sense, and without reference to the special training for that department's needs—was to invite inefficiency in the new department.

accompanied by van Herren, the German Minister, according to a Belgrade despatch to the German News Agency.

Many members of the Government, says the report, including the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Matchek, and the Hungarian and Italian Ministers, and members of the German Legation staff, were present at the station to see them off.

Public Left In Complete Ignorance

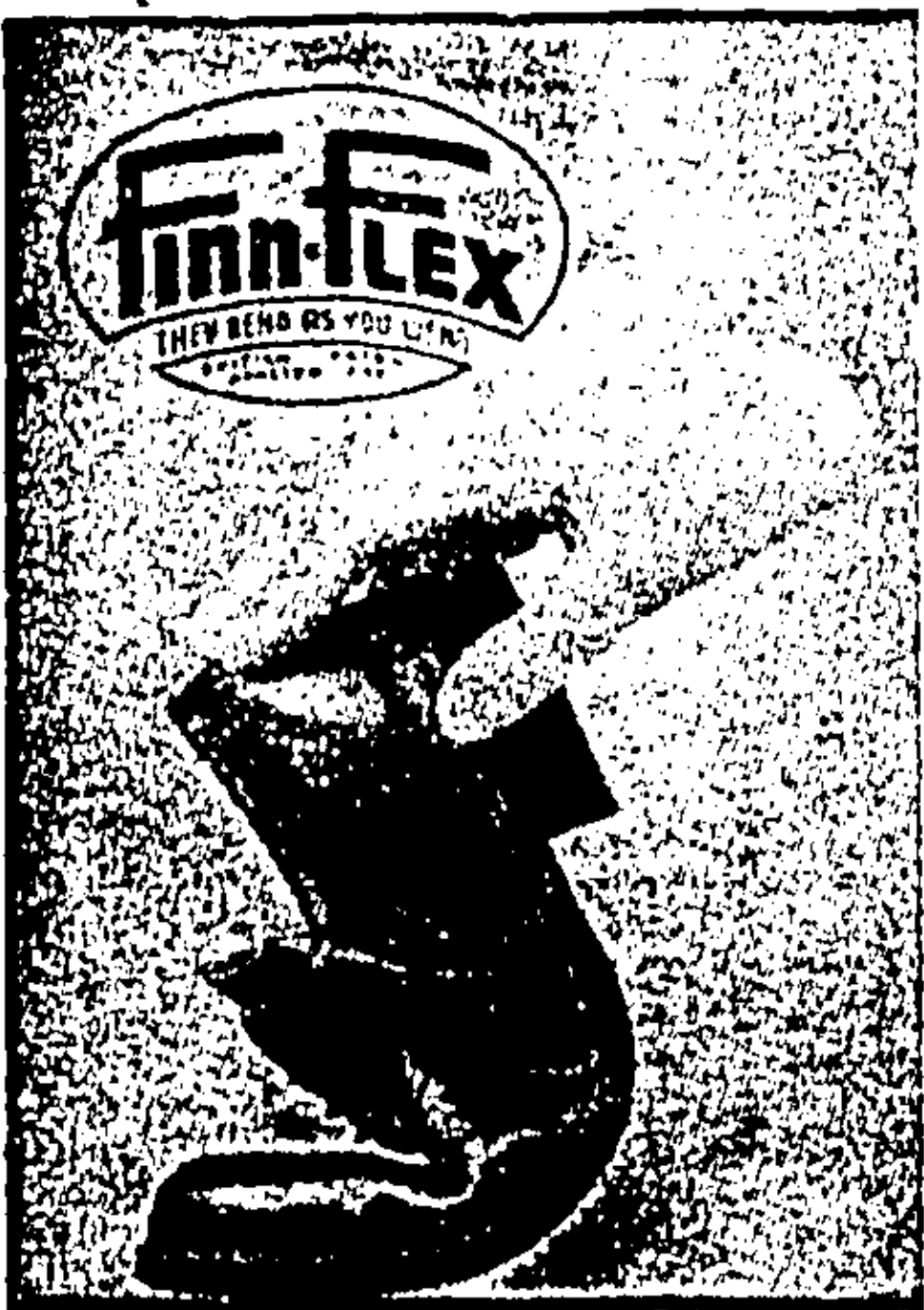
Dr. Matchek, Vice Prime-Minister and Croat Leader, will be present at the signing of the Yugoslav-German Pact. He will leave for Vienna by air to-day.

The special train taking the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to Germany is most carefully guarded and precautions have been taken throughout the capital in case of demonstrations.

The Yugoslav public are still being kept in complete ignorance of the dramatic change in the situation.

Decisions have been taken entirely without their knowledge.—Reuter.

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Country Seeths With Indignation

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RUSSIA STANDING BY CHINA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It is stated in London by high Russian quarters that any Russo-Japanese treaty reached in Moscow must exclude any discussion concerning Russian assistance to Chiang Kai-shek. — International News Service.

MOSCOW AND ANKARA AFFIRM FRIENDSHIP

It is confirmed in Moscow that the Turkish Government has handed the Soviet Government a Note through the Turkish Ambassador in Moscow, giving assurances similar to those which, it is also confirmed, were recently given by Russia to Turkey.

It is possible that the Notes will be published in both capitals simultaneously. — Reuter.

VATICAN AND KING TRYING TO GET ITALY OUT OF WAR

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ITALY OF THE VATICAN AND THE QUIRINAL, AS DISTINCT FROM THE ITALY OF MUSSOLINI AND THE FASCIST PARTY, ARE BEING ALIGNED FOR A GREAT SPRING PEACE OFFENSIVE, REPORTS REACHING LONDON FROM TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES SHOW.

It is stated that King Victor Emmanuel and Pope Pius are determined to make any effort to save Italy from destruction and to preserve the House of Savoy, even if it means the dissipation of Fascism.

The atmosphere in the country is appropriate to such an effort, and the sympathies of the Army are, beyond doubt with the King.

In contrast to the attitude of many Germans, who still firmly believe that they are exempt from real blitz attack, the Italians are terrorised even by mild British raids. The Genoa bombardment and the Taranto drama have had a terrific effect on Italian morale.

Peace Petitions

Even the most remote villages have come into the sphere of the peace offensive, by sending peace petitions through their parish priests to the Vatican and the King.

It is known that the Pope and the King have conferred at least three times since the crushing Italian defeats in the Greek and Libyan campaigns.

It is also learned that the King is now in almost continuous daily touch with high Church dignitaries, notably the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Maglione. — International News Service.

MOSCOW HINT TO BRITAIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It is learned in well-informed London quarters that Russian fears of German activity in the Dardanelles zone has led Moscow to seek an improvement in Anglo-Russian relations.

The Russian terms for collaboration are reported to have been modified.

A high Russian informant said: "British recognition, either de facto or de jure of the Russian acquisition of the Baltic States would be sufficient to

The Army and the police have been placed upon an emergency footing and Belgrade is seething with anger and resentment.

Threats have been made openly in the streets of assassinating the "traitors," and the communities in Serbia and Montenegro are boiling with indignation.

While demonstrators were working up to fever heat in Belgrade, the Yugoslav envoy left to sign up with the Axis at noon today surrounded at the station by the representatives of Italy, Japan, Rumania and Bulgaria. The German Minister is accompanying them to Vienna.

Father Fran Kulovec, the Roman Catholic leader of the Slovenes, declined to go with them, intensifying the possibility of civil strife.

Church Clamour

The Serbian Orthodox Church, numbering 6,000,000 among its followers, has also joined in the clamour against submission with priests, in their sermons, exhorting the people to support the independence of the country.

Sir Ronald Campbell handed the Yugoslav Foreign Minister a final note of protest just before the departure, expressing complete disapproval of Yugoslavia's action and ending with the warning: "Yugoslavia must not harbour the illusion that Britain will forget or forgive this change of policy."

It is also reported that Greece has warned Yugoslavia that the passage of German war materials through that country might be interpreted by Greece as an act of war. — International News Service.

Nazi Extremes

The extremes to which the Nazis have gone in bullying Prince Paul and his advisers are evident in reports reaching London of the

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ensure a generous Russian response.

The Kremlin is no longer demanding the return of Baltic ships held in British ports.

The International News disclosure that Russia has given Germany virtually a free hand in the Balkans provided Turkey is left alone still holds good.

Definitely, Russia feels powerless to interfere in Yugoslavia beyond making a possible meaningless protest. — International News Service.

Slight Hitch

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A slight hitch has developed in America's staking of seven billion dollars and her vast productive capacity on Britain's capacity to win.

A special plane was to have flown the measure passed by the

Senate to President Roosevelt, now cruising in the Caribbean, for signature, thus unleashing the flow of planes, guns, ships and food to Britain, Greece and China.

A technicality has, however, prevented the transmission for 24 hours.

The House of Representatives, not expecting such speed of passage in the Senate, went into recess before the Senate, and all Acts must be signed by the Vice-President and the Speaker while the Houses are in session. — International News Service.

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MR. FORREST REPLIES

Strong Criticism Of Attitude Of Treasury Department

"In Effect Sabotaged"

MR. R. A. D. FORREST, THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER, GAVE EVIDENCE THIS MORNING WHEN THE SITTINGS OF THE COMMISSION ENQUIRING INTO THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT WERE RESUMED.

Mr. Forrest complained of lack of co-operation by certain Government officials, outlined the difficulties with which his Department was faced and alleged "lack of a sense of proportion or imagination in financial control."

At the outset, Mr. Forrest said: "I wish to call attention to one of two aspects of the Middlebrook Report of August 21, 1940. The first is of so general a nature as easily to escape the readers' notice; I refer to a certain doubtfulness which pervades the whole scheme; it is as if Mr. Middlebrook has said: 'Here are the general lines on which you can control immigration, but the details you must build up as you proceed and gain experience; they cannot be set out a priori.'"

"So it is that he admits ignorance to what extent our population is migratory; of the extent to which junk passenger traffic deserves attention and of the numbers to be expected to enter Hong Kong without documents after the date of enforcement." Mr. Forrest said the second feature concerned recommendations which had not been embodied in the Ordinance, the provision of a self-balancing fund for the purposes of the department and the penalising of unlawful entry.

The former recommendation, he said, was definitely rejected, the reasons of which he was unaware. This departure from the scheme was by far the more important of the two, and a fruitful source of difficulties, "especially of the wrangling over my imprest account."

Hard To Reconcile

"The failure to implement the latter recommendation," added Mr. Forrest, "was most probably an oversight; at least it is hard to reconcile with the facts."

"The point may seem, in itself, unimportant but it had the effect of making the troublesome deposit system almost unavoidable and I shall explain in detail later how that system, combined with the inelastic methods of the Treasury, was the chief cause of such financial confusion as came about."

Mr. Forrest said the only practical method of dealing with passengers who arrived without the necessary permit was to release them after taking such securities as they could give for their eventual compliance with the law.

Prior to the opening of the Immigration Office he caused notifications to appear in the vernacular press to inform intending travellers of the necessity of providing themselves with travel documents and of the method of making application for them.

"Applicants came in such numbers as to make the interior of the Department a perfect Babel," said Mr. Forrest, "and almost to defy any attempt to maintain order or to organise our methods; while the impatient mob outside the doors was of such a demeanour that it was necessary to provide for a permanent police guard and on more than one occasion to obtain the services of the Emergency Unit in addition."

No Experience

To meet the unexpected demand for documents, said Mr. Forrest, it was necessary "again and again to increase the staff, and constant increase in staff meant, on the one hand, constantly increasing demands for furniture and every conceivable means was utilised to supply the needs of the office; on the other hand as no one with any experience of such work was to be found, every addition to the staff, from the grade of office coolie upwards, had to be trained in his duties."

Mr. Forrest referred to the appointment of Mr. J. H. B. Lee as Deputy Immigration Officer, and to his absence owing to Volunteer duties and later being required to act as Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor and pointed out that during that period practically all the work of instruction of the raw staff fell on the Immigration Officer as the only remaining officer, apart from the clerical staff with even the remotest acquaintance with Government methods. "I was, moreover, at that same time, as I have said, acting also as Post Master General, a post of which I was not finally relieved until after December 16, 1940. The obvious remedy for this state of affairs was decentralisation with a view to lessening the overcrowding and overwork in the head office and this was accordingly tried."

The Mystery

Despite advertisement in the Chinese press informing the public that facilities for obtaining application forms and submitting application existed at certain addresses, applicants continued to crowd at the Head Office, while the branch offices were almost deserted.

The mystery of the readiness of the public to avail themselves on payment of the services of the institutions under the various names of application agencies, translation bureaux and so on, was solved later when it was discovered that these agencies were helping applicants in ways which the framers of the law assuredly did not expect, or at least did not wish; they secured priority of treatment by bribing the Immigration Office staff and sold fictitious evidence of untrue statements to whoever paid their price.

Mr. Forrest said that the concession made to recognised application agencies, Guilds and societies recommended by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, that

their clients were excused from personal attendance at the Immigration Head Office, was my departure from recognised immigration procedure.

Weakened Control

"It is a weakening of control of which I am very conscious; the only justification which I can offer for that departure was the physical impossibility of dealing individually with the flood of applicants in the office space at my disposal, the impossibility of expanding the space under one roof and the impossibility of effectively decentralising to any greater extent without further experienced administrative assistance, which was not furnished me until long after the necessity of this inquiry was already apparent."

"It shows, I think, a curious lack of appreciation of the main objects of our legislation that so far from criticism being based on this loosening of control, I have on the contrary been blamed for not making application for documents even easier and even more a matter of course by distributing the application forms in any quantity to all comers and by accepting applications more freely by post."

"The answer is," said Mr. Forrest, "in place at this point, because, in addition to the objection on the grounds of loss of control, it was necessary to prevent, as far as possible, the further growth of the agency system if being, I think, a legitimate inference that, if even recognised agencies who had something to lose indulged in the malpractices proved, even worse was to be expected from those over which I had no control whatever and of whose existence I might not even be aware. To implement this policy I instructed my staff that nobody be allowed to obtain more than five application forms or submit more than five at one time."

Security Deposits

Dealing with the taking of security deposits from incoming passengers, Mr. Forrest said their purpose was to provide for the difficult cases of entrants arriving without the requisite documents, though otherwise admissible.

"As a system it has everything against it; it is clumsy and wasteful of time, adding an extra routine to the procedure of receiving and adjudication on an application for a permit; it slows down examination at the stage at which it should be quickest; it encumbers with responsibility of safe custody of large amounts of cash of a large number of officers whose prime function is not the handling of cash at all."

"It is not surprising, therefore, that the wholesale use of this expedient added enormously to the work and complexity of the Immigration Office."

"Shroffs secured and trained in handling cash were still not available, though asked for almost daily; and the crowds became even more clamorous... difficult cases kept cropping up, such as cases of lost deposit receipts... persons insisted they were authorised to collect on behalf of depositors and who for no apparent reason or for too good a reason refused to understand my hesitation to pay them; cases of agencies and lodging houses which induced ignorant persons to entrust them with the receipts and then held them to ransom."

Expected Results

All the above complications are the direct and the expected results of allowing a concession to expand into a system; but they were not unfortunately the whole story of the difficulties to which the system gave rise. The insufficiency of shroffs led to officers accepting in good faith forged notes as security from passengers; the same officers reached the office late in the evening in charge of very large quantities—sometimes as much as \$25,000—in cash, there being no one except the Immigration Officer himself to take it into safe custody; nor any place in which the money at that time of night could be placed except the office strong-room; passengers arrived from Shanghai and elsewhere with no Hong Kong currency, so that inadequately trained officers were left in the middle of the harbour faced with the difficult duty of deciding whether to accept foreign currencies or to wait for some twelve or more hours later to have the foreign currencies exchanged. They chose—

think correctly—the former course, but this in turn created fresh embarrassments, for the Treasury refused to have anything to do with such cash, and its custody until it could be repaid to the depositors made still more de-

mands on my safe space, and its handling in repayment confused my untrained cashiers. To make matters worse, the officers whose duty it was to take deposits, in order to comply with injunctions to clear incoming ships with every reasonable speed, wrote receipts in such a manner as to sacrifice accuracy to quickness; even so, observations show that deposit paying passengers take twelve times as long to deal with as those already in possession of our documents; and it needs little arithmetic to see what this means in the case of a shipload of 800 passengers of whom 95 per cent. enter on these terms.

Stricter Rules

I had failed to foresee the difficulty that my officers might take other than Hong Kong currency; just as anyone might fail to foresee that with a fully equipped branch office in operation in Macau, and application agencies at work in other ports, the bulk of passengers would continue, without perceptible improvement, to come in without any attempt to comply with the requirements of the Ordinance in their port of embarkation, although the vernacular press throughout China, and shipping agents everywhere, had knowledge of our intended restrictions on entry. I at once made proposals for stricter rules regarding embarkation of passengers for this port; and in the meantime stopped acceptance of any but H.K. currency, and endeavoured to avoid the handling of cash by my outdoor staff. One shipping company cooperated to the extent of itself taking the cash from its passengers and issuing to each secured passenger a transferable deposit receipt, against which my officer issued his official receipt in the name of the passenger; the company's receipts were then negotiated with the shipping company for a cheque for the total amount; other companies declined to have anything to do with such measures, and to effect the same object in their case I granted to a money-changer the privilege of sending a representative on board each ship to be examined, there to exchange any foreign currencies and to take any amounts tendered in H.K. currency, giving to my officer a cheque equal to the total amount of deposit receipts issued to passengers. These matters are mentioned here, because I am aware that criticism has been directed against my department in regard to the exchange rates on which the money changer works. That these rates are, to say the least of it, remunerative, was brought to my notice; but I declined to extend the sphere of my responsibility to the extent of protection of incoming passengers from the indirect consequences of their own failure to comply with the law.

Imprest Account

Another consequence of the vicious deposit system was to bring to light the pitiful inadequacy of the imprest account of \$2,000 with which I was furnished at the outset. The subsequent history of this imprest is revealed in the following minutes from C.S.O. files.

On 10.11.40 I minuted to Financial Secretary in C.S.O. 2861/40 asking for an imprest of \$2,000; the warrant was signed on 19.11.40. On 22.1.41—seven days after the enforcement of the immigration control—Accountant General applied on my behalf for a further imprest of \$10,000; this warrant was signed the same day (C.S.O. 161/40.)

On 9.2.41 I wrote very urgently and strongly to Colonial Secretary stating that the \$22,000 then available was utterly insufficient, and asking that it be increased to \$40,000 for as long as the deposit system existed; a minute of Accountant General of 14.2.41 explains the discrepancy in the figures; apparently satisfied with my explanation that \$10,000 was insufficient, he had on his own responsibility arranged for its increase to \$22,000. He agrees in the same minute that the \$40,000 asked for is not excessive. There follows—

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GRAVE ITALIAN LOSSES

Artillery activity was lively on both sides in Albania yesterday.

"Several enemy batteries were silenced," says a Greek Press Ministry statement and the Athens Radio last night.

"In the region of Apos and the Apos River in the Central sector, the Italians launched a local attack which met with heavy fire from our lines before it could develop. The Italians again suffered extremely heavy casualties."

Information given by Italian prisoners confirms that General Cavallero has ceased to command the Italian Army in Albania and that General Geloso is the new Commander-in-Chief.

The prisoners also state that the Second Regiment of the Bersaglieri was badly smashed up in the battle of Klissura, losing more than fifty per cent. of its effectives. A battalion of 800 Alpine troops was left with only two officers and eighty men. — Reuter.

CHINESE CURRENCY PROBLEM

While nothing official has been disclosed in London regarding the position of the Chinese Stabilisation Fund, it is believed that Britain naturally wishes to ensure any Sterling credits to the fund against "high-jacking" through Nanking notes which have been forced on Shanghai and against any other undesirable dissipation. If given satisfactory assurances in this connection, it is understood that Sterling credits to the Fund would undoubtedly be implemented. — Reuter.

It is pointed out in Far Eastern circles in London that, in any case, the main task of supporting the Chinese Dollar is being shouldered by the United States, whose one hundred-million dollar credit amply secures the Chinese Currency against depreciation by Nanking or Tokyo.

With this credit, it is believed in London that the Chinese Stabilisation Fund could easily support or rally the Chinese Dollar whenever the Fund thinks fit to do so.

Negotiations were said to be proceeding to prevent Sterling help to the Fund from feeding the Shanghai market which, it was pointed out, was the main remaining loop-hole in the Sterling Exchange Control. — Reuter.

SOLDIERS CATCH SNATCHER

Arrested by Sgt. W. Simsett and S/Sgt. E. A. Colonne, R.E., in Tin Lok Lane, after snatching a lady's handbag, Cheung Man-kui, 22, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

HEAVY BRITISH BOMBERS, ATTACKING THE CENTRE OF BERLIN ON SUNDAY NIGHT HAD TO MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH AN INTENSE BARRAGE.

In spite of this attempt to protect the heart of the German capital, a large force of British bombers managed to cross Berlin, and more than ten thousand incendiary bombs were dropped upon selected objectives.

Polish crews participated in the raid, and many of the British crews had often made the trip before.

Some of the planes engaged flew along Der Linden, within a mile or so of which are five of the main railway stations, keeping on a steady course in order to take their aim.

Others directed their bombs at the fires which the first wave of British aircraft had started and others attacked goods-yards and factories in the south of the city.

In addition to thousands of incendiary bombs, some of the heaviest calibre high explosive bombs were rained upon the targets.

Huge Fires

In the area selected for the main attack, a great number of bombs were seen to explode, some in the centre of the target. The flashes of the larger bombs lit up the factories at which they were aimed.

Fire after fire sprung up in the wake of the roaring machines, glowing red with a suffused glare through the mist.

ON THEIR WAY BACK FROM BERLIN, SEVERAL OF THE AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER HANOVER, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTACKED IN LARGE FORCE AND THE PILOTS SAW FIERCE EXPLOSIONS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. — REUTER.

Hanover Blazes

In one Hanover district, pilots watched nine small fires thrust out their tentacles among factory buildings until the flames merged into one another and became three immense conflagrations.

Beside these two heavy attacks on the enemy's industrial organisation, squadrons of bombers were also despatched to play a part in the Battle of the Atlantic by attacking the docks and shipyards in the great naval base of Kiel.

In the teeth of bad weather and formidable defences, aircraft dropped bombs within the area of the docks and other essential parts of the port.

From high explosive bombs which burst in the shipyard, seven strong fires took hold.

Other pilots reported equally good results both from their incendiaries and high explosive. Two other ports, Bremen and Emden, were also bombed. — British Wireless.

HEAVY RAID ON MALTA

LARGE FORMATIONS OF GERMAN BOMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY FIGHTERS, PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON MALTA ON SUNDAY, AND THIRTEEN OF THEIR PLANES WERE DESTROYED, STATES AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED IN CAIRO.

LITTLE DAMAGE WAS DONE DURING THE RAID. — REUTER.

HONGKONG POLICE MURDER SHOCK

A Shantung Police constable, No. 187, Wang Teh-shing, attached to Gough Hill Police Station, was found dead at noon yesterday on the hillside near Kotewall Road, with a stab wound in the neck and the left side of his face mutilated.

It is stated that information had been received by the Police that a large number of persons were cutting trees in the vicinity at about 11 a.m. yesterday.

The deceased, together with Sgt. Willerton, was sent to the spot. Near Po Shan Road, Sgt. Willerton separated from the deceased.

The constable was not seen again until noon when Sgt. Willerton discovered the body.

HEAVY FINES FOR POSTAL OFFENCES

Fourteen shop masters and managers were fined sums ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 this morning for attempting to send letters out of the Colony other than through the post office.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, pleaded guilty on behalf of the accused.

Mr. D. W. Fitches said the letters were seized during a raid at No. 20, Queen's Street. They were being delivered to Kwong Chow Wan.

Mr. d'Almada told the Court that his clients were ignorant of the law, and did not know the seriousness of the offence. Their purpose arose from the fact the letters would reach their destination much quicker than through the Chinese postal service. They had no intention of dodging the censor, as the letters were merely business letters.

NO PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS THIS EASTER

Because of the war, His Holiness the Pope will not celebrate Pontifical High Mass in St. Peter's Church this Easter.

It is thought possible that the Pope will give the Benediction, "Urbi et Orbi," from an outside balcony. — Reuter.

RECORDS SHATTERED

Shattering all records for passage of legislation, the United States Senate passed the Bill authorising the appropriation of \$7,000,000,000 to implement the Lease and Lend Act for aiding the Democracies.

After only half an hour of unexciting debate, the Bill was passed by 67 votes to nine.

No change was made and so the Act remains in the same form as it passed last week by the House of Representatives. It now awaits the President's signature. — Reuter.

Heavy Raids In Albania

The R.A.F. Middle East communique says that in Albania, bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out a highly successful raid on Berat yesterday.

Direct hits were registered on the runway and on dispersed enemy aircraft, at least two of which were totally destroyed. Many others were damaged and debris was seen to be thrown high.

Our fighters intercepted a large formation of Italian G50 fighters in the same area. Two were definitely shot down and several others severely damaged.

Two G50's were destroyed on the ground at Berat aerodrome in a subsequent attack.

An enemy encampment in the Tepelini area was also attacked but the full results could not be observed. — British Wireless.

PROGRESS AT KEREN

A communique issued by British G.H.Q. Cairo states:—

"Libya, no change. Eritrea, after successfully beating off seven heavy counter-attacks in which the enemy has sustained serious losses, our troops at Keren are again making headway."

In Abyssinia, patriot activities continue to develop satisfactorily. Further south, our general advance into Abyssinia is progressing. — British Wireless.

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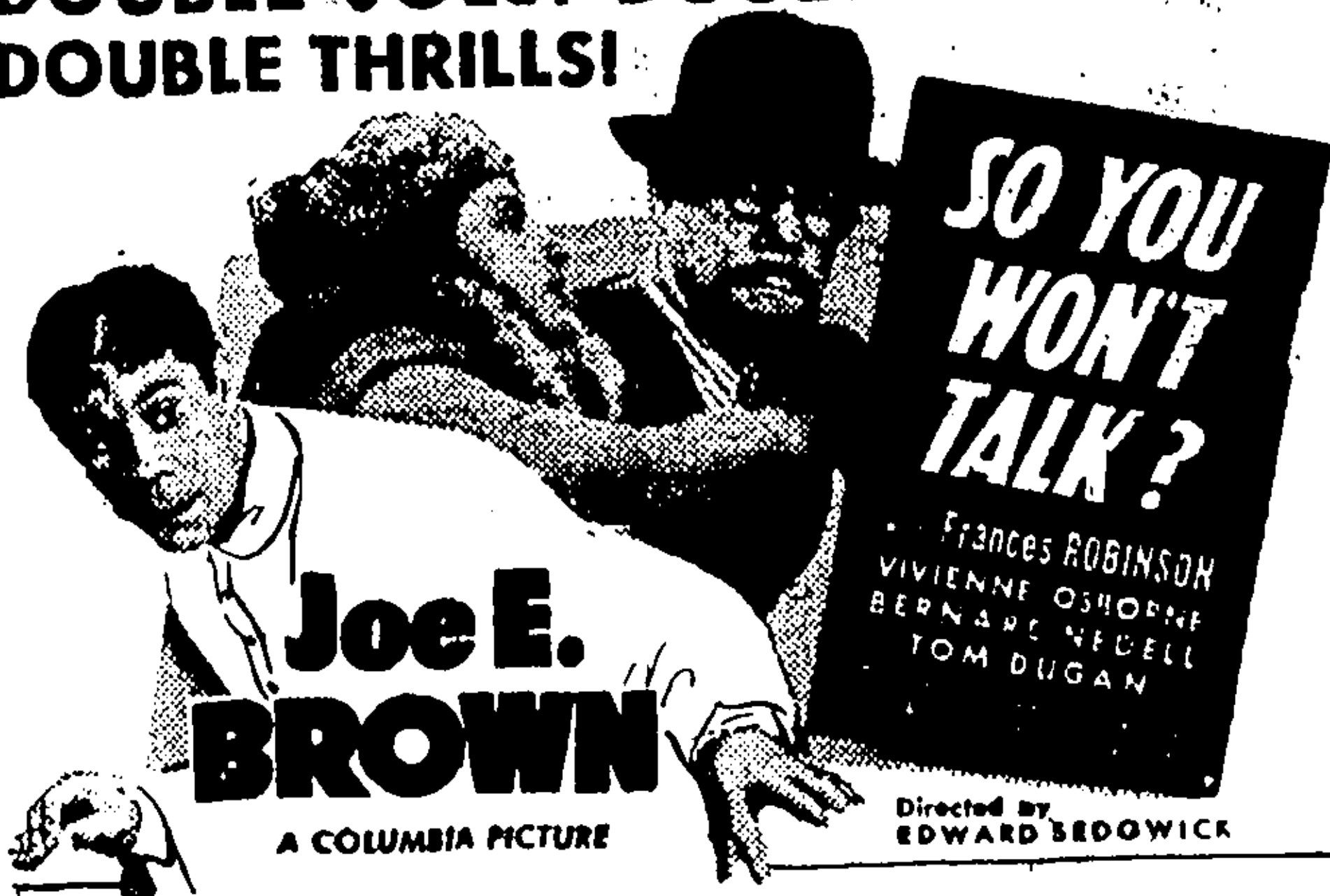
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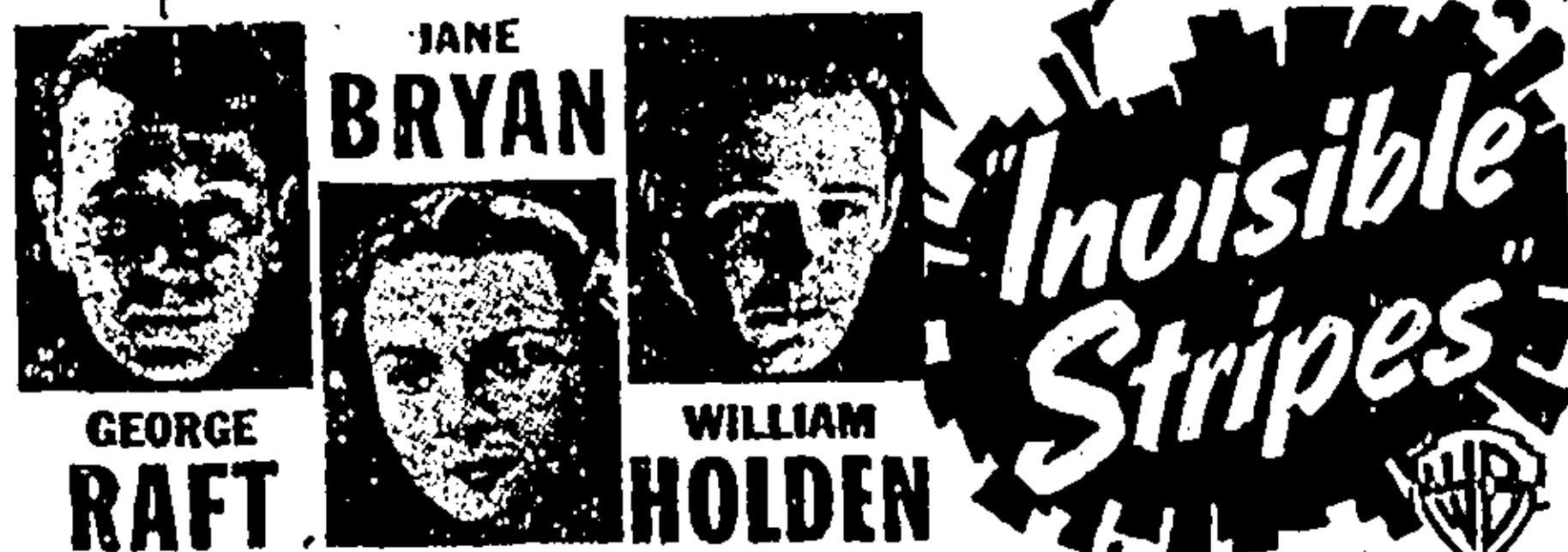
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AIR FORCE POLICY OF FIRST THINGS FIRST: NEW BATTLE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE is hitting Germany very much harder, although there are three reasons why, at the moment, it cannot do it very often.

As outlined to me in London yesterday, they constitute a policy of "first things first" with the promise that the Royal Air Force will carry the air war into Hitler's country on a growing scale and thereby implement what it is recognised must be, as the war presents itself to-day, the most effective means of hammering at the Nazis for some time.

The factors are firstly, diversion; secondly, weather; and thirdly, the state of Britain's bomber strength.

Now that the German Air Force is being used in support of the Navy in an "all out" bid to starve Britain of supplies of food, it follows that part of the Royal Air Force's offensive strength must be diverted to counteract this threat by raiding enemy sea air bases and other decisive points in the struggle.

Shortages in Britain's frontline bomber strength must be made good before the Prime Minister's assurance that he is "arranging" that the "present" disparity between the weight of the R.A.F. bombing of Germany and the Luftwaffe raiding of Britain will be rather the other way round, can now be fulfilled.

It will take time before the R.A.F. facing for one thing, a more distant and a much bigger target, can hope to unload the same total tonnage of bombs.

Encouraging Factors

But there are some new encouraging factors in the present duel between the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe to be borne in mind — new British bombers are faster than ever and this will offset the shortening of the hours of summer nights and should enable the winter campaign of bombing Germany to be carried on with much the same strength.

Families of German workers continue to be evacuated from the much bombed Ruhr and other Nazi cities and ports.

Some are being sent to Austria and others are coming west to occupied France.

The German night blitz on British ports has been checked for two nights in succession by the prevailing variable weather which may eventually have an effect in upsetting the Nazi timetable.

Heavy Losses

Nazi air formations between 200 and 500 strong are experiencing heavy proportionate losses, observers are convinced.

German attacks on port and other bottle-necks of American aid to Britain form the second essential part of the considered campaign to stop war supplies and food "somewhere" between the producer overseas and the consumer here.

The first essential is the U-boat campaign at sea. The Luftwaffe's part in this blockade of Britain follows two big earlier failures. It is pointed out: The first was to destroy our R.A.F. and the second was to break the morale of our people. — Reuter.

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Police constable No. C465, Leung Shing-man, attached to Central Police Station, and Kwong Choi, 22, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with demanding \$30 with menaces on Friday. The constable was also charged with accepting a bribe of \$30. Detective Sergeant R. McVey asked for a week's remand. First accused was allowed bail of \$1,000, and the second, \$500.

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CANADA GIVES WILLKIE WARM WELCOME

"WAR IN EUROPE must end in the eradication of Nazism," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, broadcasting in Toronto last night.

The removal of trade barriers must be the key-note of the new peace which should not "again lock millions of people within a prison wall of trade limits and economic degradation to spawn brutality, racial intolerance and war," added Mr. Willkie.

The conquered countries of Europe, continued Mr. Willkie, "must be restored to liberty" with larger world trade and China "must be saved from aggression."

Above all, "the British Commonwealth of nations and the United States must join together in eliminating our own trade barriers and end within itself its political, economic and social maladjustments."

One Purpose

"Canada, England and the United States," Mr. Willkie concluded,

"are to-day of one purpose. May we remain joined to-morrow for this nobler purpose."

Mr. Willkie arrived from New York by train in a private coach belonging to the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was met on arrival by civic, provincial and military officials and headed through a two-mile long procession of troops and auxiliary forces.

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie-King, came down specially from Ottawa to meet him. — Reuter.

NEW POLISH FIGHTER SQUADRON

At dawn yesterday, a Polish fighter squadron took to the air and impatiently waited to assist the R.A.F. squadrons in their battles with the enemy.

The leader of the squadron, who holds the Polish V.C., has three German aircraft to his credit, while another pilot, who has received the D.F.C., has brought down six German machines.

The men of this squadron have over 1,000 flying hours to their credit and many of them took part in the British air victory over the Luftwaffe in August and September last.

The British commanding officer of the squadron highly praises the men and comments on the accuracy of their formation flying. — Reuter.

WHOLE OF SOMALILAND RECAPTURED

The whole of British Somaliland is now under British control and the road from Berbera to Hargeisa is now open.

This announcement was made in yesterday's communique in Nairobi which also announced further successes in Abyssinia.

British forward troops attacked strong Italian positions holding a pass just west of Jijiga, capturing vital positions after strong opposition, in which British losses were slight.

Distant centres of administration in Abyssinia, some of which are 400 miles from the British lines of communication, are being taken over by air-borne troops, accompanied by political officers. — Reuter.

SKIPPER FINED

Pleading guilty to a charge of allowing his ship to enter a prohibited area while the port was closed, Captain W. J. Andrews, was fined \$40 by Commander T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court this morning.

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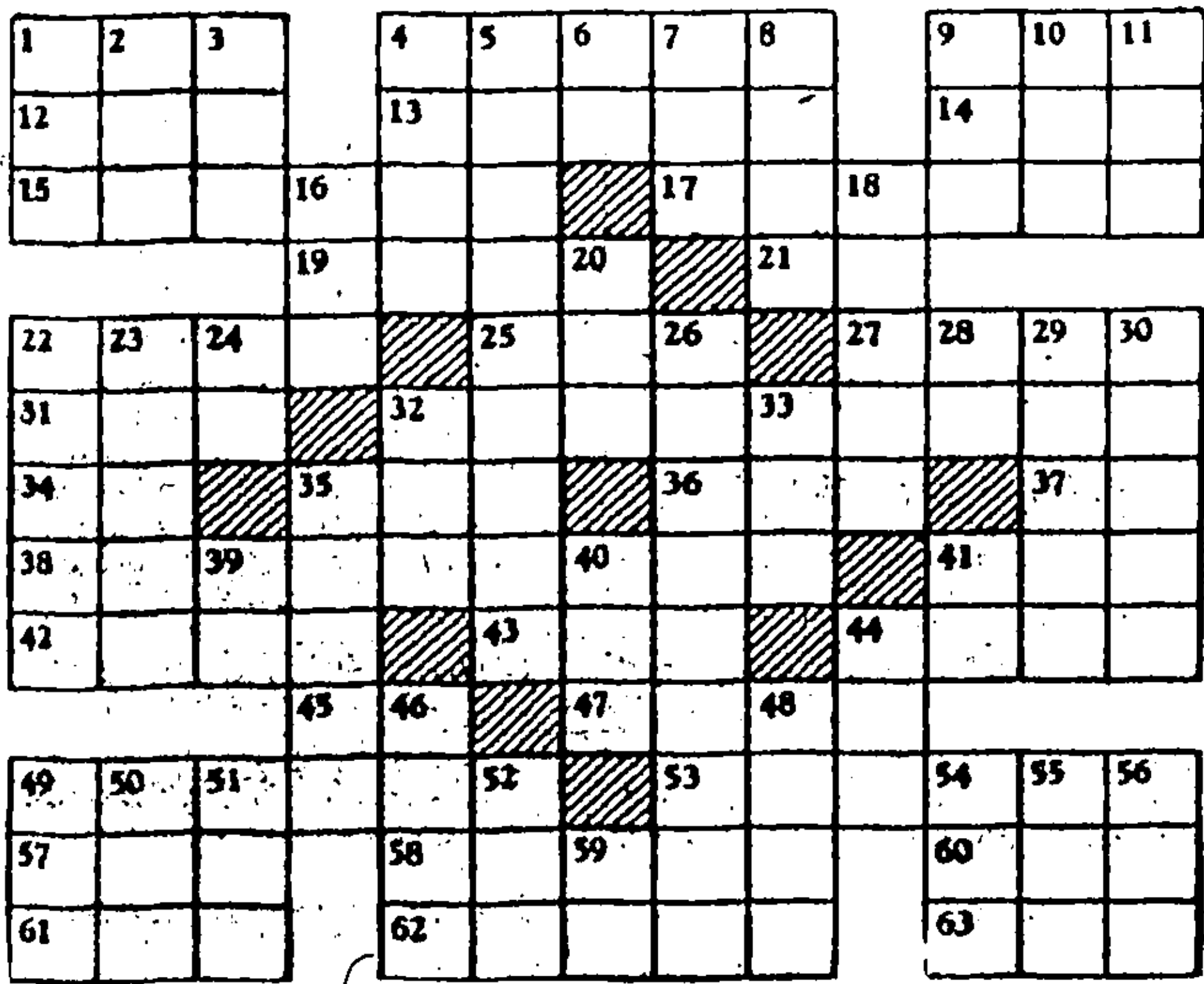
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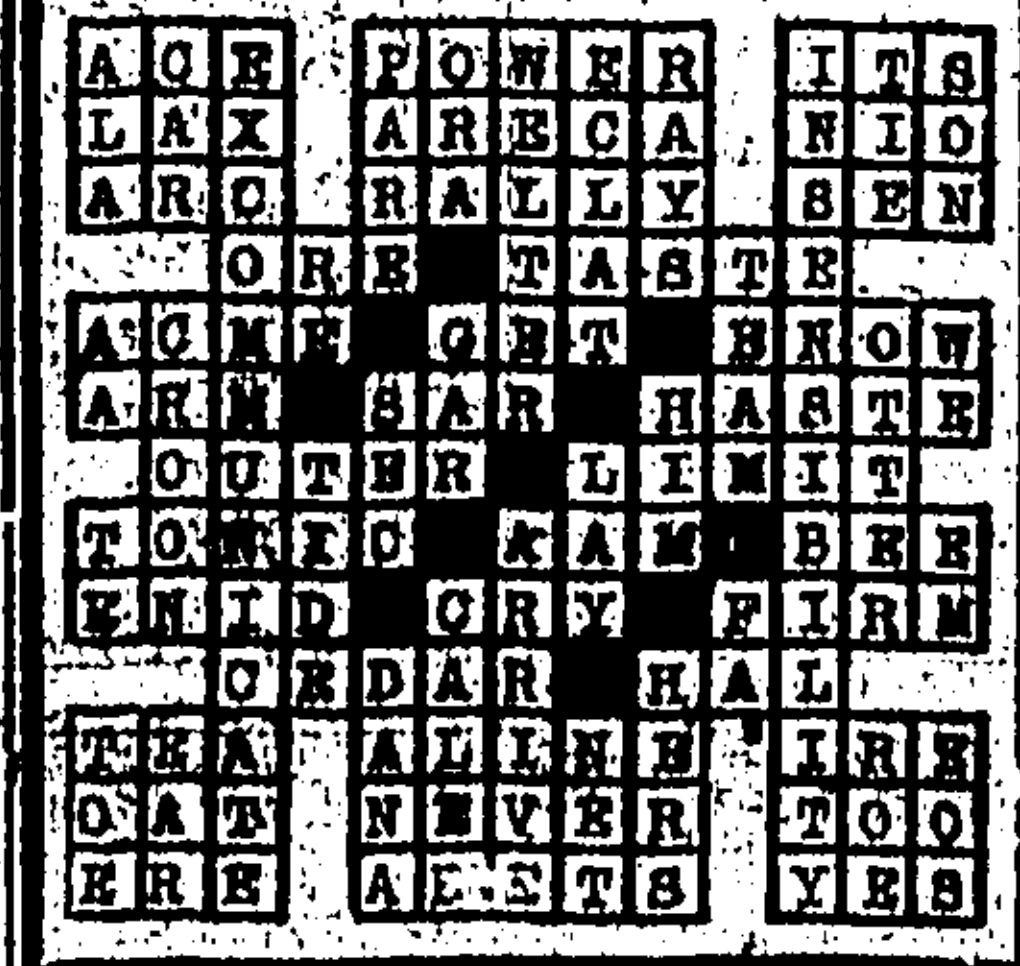


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Mongrel
 - 4 To mature
 - 8 Part of a circle
 - 12 Philippine savage
 - 13 Stupid
 - 14 French coin
 - 15 Negligent
 - 17 Small ornamental bag
 - 19 Gaseous element
 - 21 Japanese measure
 - 22 Couched
 - 25 French article
 - 27 To urge
 - 31 Babylonian deity
 - 33 German air force
 - 34 Indian mulberry
 - 35 To sigh convulsively
 - 36 Swiss river
 - 37 Note of scale
 - 38 Unnecessary repetition
 - 41 Limb
 - 42 Gaelic
 - 43 Unit of work
 - 44 Stable
 - 47 Exclamation
 - 49 Firearm

- 53 Professional orator
- 57 Ibsen character
- 58 Hindu princess
- 60 Room in a harem
- 61 Small
- 62 Pen-name of Louise de la Ramee
- 63 Moist

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Vehicle
 - 2 South-western Indian
 - 3 Male sheep
 - 4 To ascend
 - 5 Impossible to pay, as debts
 - 6 Colloquial: father
 - 7 Being
 - 8 To approach

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 9 Forest tree
- 10 Fish eggs
- 11 To savor
- 16 Poetic: Hindustan
- 18 Roll of tobacco leaves
- 20 Levantine sailing vessel
- 22 To diminish
- 23 Australian tree
- 24 Spanish article
- 26 Reeled
- 28 Concerning
- 29 Subsequent to
- 30 To condescend
- 32 Card game
- 33 Manner
- 35 Cut of meat
- 38 Pronoun
- 40 Crude metal
- 41 Note of scale
- 44 Unplayed hole in golf
- 46 Valiant person
- 48 Ostrich-like bird
- 49 Claw of a bird
- 50 Value
- 51 To observe
- 52 Greek letter
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- 55 Lyric poem
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MR. FORREST REPLIES

(Continued from Page 2)
minute by Financial Secretary in which is contained the only reference to the immigration fund as recommended by Mr. Middlebrook which I have been able to trace; the reference is concise and uninformative. It reads: "A self-balancing fund is out of the question."

Increase of my imprest to \$40,000 was approved on 17.2.41. (Again in C.S.O. 161/40.)

Needless Anxiety

The imprest was at length increased to a figure commensurate with the demands; but not before much inconvenience had been caused to the public and much needless anxiety to myself and my staff, as when cheques drawn by me in favour of the General Agent and of the money-changer above-mentioned, who had come to my assistance with cash when the crowd at my gates became restive on account of the delay, had been dishonoured.

The comment of the financial side of Government on this mudslide was typical in its entire absence of helpful constructive criticism.

I had done my best to rid the department of the incubus of this troublesome system writing two minutes the originals of which are to be found in CSO 2863/4.

Hopeful that I had made the urgency of the situation sufficiently clear, I turned to the agencies once more. That question was more acute than ever, not only because I had in the meantime accumulated ever more reasons to distrust their methods but because ever-increasing problems left me less time than ever to give them the surveillance required.

Mr. Forrest described developments and went on:

As matters became worse, I determined on the course of cancelling all recognitions already granted to agencies, and then inviting the agencies still in good standing to ask for recognition again on new and stricter terms. A copy of the new terms of recognition I shall submit; the conditions as now imposed deal with three principal things—the method of submission of applications (so devised as to prevent as far as possible competition between agencies, with the resultant temptation to bribe my staff, as had already been done); restriction of the charges to be made for their services; and supervision of their practice by the General Agent.

General Agent

As a pendant I, at the same time, made with the latter a contract, already referred to by the Accountant General in the terms of disapproval which incline me to the conclusion that he had completely misinterpreted its scope. I lay before the Commission a verbatim copy of that agreement. This new system has apparently been the cause of more criticism than any other one detail in my administration. The criticism began almost immediately after the coming into operation of the new agency system, and was first voiced in a article in the Chinese press signed with the name of a person who had just previously tried to bribe one of my staff to secure help in obtaining the general agency for himself. Thereafter the criticism became anonymous, but its perennial sources in the ranks of those whom I have elsewhere called disappointed racketeers, may be legitimately inferred from the fact that Government is called upon to close down an institution to which no one resorts except voluntarily and which will, as a commercial venture, itself apply the closure if it is, as alleged, inefficient and incapable of real service to the public who go to it. Ignorance may excuse some of the attacks on the system; but my conviction that most of it is motivated by loss of opportunities for racketeering amounts to a moral certainty.

To summarise the advantages to the public, to my department, and to Government of the General Agency system, it is sufficient to say that changes to the public were reduced, standardised and controlled; that photography was made reliable and guaranteed as regards suitability; that overcrowding and over-work in my offices were reduced, though far from being abolished, that a measure of control over the operations of agencies was established, so that it was at length possible to prevent the more flagrant malpractices, such as corruption of my staff with a view to securing priority of treatment, and the selling of false evidence; that the method of submission of applications was concentrated and co-ordinated which made possible the introduction

of a system of complete records of applications from the time of their making until the time of issue of the completed document demanded; that provision was made for supply of photographic facilities at spots where facilities were necessary because of incoming passenger traffic, but where owing to the sparsity or irregularity of such traffic a photographic studio could not be established on the basis of isolated commercial prospects.

Advantage Given

To offset these advantages I know of one disadvantage only, and that one which I did not think should be regarded seriously from the standpoint of administration. It amounts to no more than this, that an advantage is given to one firm as against its competitors. This objection becomes important only if one regards a public department more as an opportunity for private gain than as a vehicle for service to the community of the Government.

The last point leads me on to the question of the staffing of my office; because it is difficult to find any other fundamental grounds for the objections which had been taken to the methods by which I have selected my staff for appointment, or to the selection which I in fact made in accordance with these methods. That there would be difficulty in finding adequate and competent staff to carry on the department was patent from the outset, and that difficulty was not lessened by Government's insistence that all appointments should be made not only, as is usual throughout the Government service, on the basis of probation that might, subject to fitness, be converted later to permanency, but without assured prospect of that permanency. It may not be necessary to explain the unfortunate result of such a policy; if it is, then the result which I feared was that which was proved in the event, namely, that candidates were more imbued with the idea of making money while the good conditions lasted than with that of settling down to a life work as servants of the Government, or, in other words, temptations to dishonesty, always more plentiful in a new and imperfectly organised department with no traditions behind it, were greater in the case of employees who had little to gain in prospect by resisting the temptations.

Quality Of Men

On the clerical and administrative side here was little to complain about in the quality of the men supplied me, if we except for the moment the shroffs; I was disappointed in the hope which I was led to entertain of securing the help of Mr. MacDougall, and my administrative assistance was therefore reduced to Mr. J. H. B. Lee, and, as I have already made plain, the extent of his assistance was reduced by the time during which he was removed from the department for other duties. I do not count my deputy in Macao, Mr. H. D. Bryan, the British Consul, in this category; for on account of his lack of acquaintance with the methods of the Hong Kong Government, he must rather be reckoned among those whom it was my duty to train for their posts. In parenthesis, let me remark that Mr. Bryan had his own difficulties; until now I have not been able to secure an up-to-date copy of the Government's General Orders for my own use, much less to supply a copy for the guidance of Mr. Bryan, and have myself to rely on my memory, and to give him in letters the gist of such orders as I found him from time to time to be unwittingly transgressing.

My clerical staff, whose work I must explain, was specialised and quite apart from immigration control work itself, consisted of Mr. Chan Kwokwing already mentioned, ten other clerks, and a variable number of shroffs, never more than four in the Head Office, and with an average experience, if we except Mr. Tsui Wai-pui, specialised to the passport section, of three weeks at the date of their allocation to my department.

Outdoor Staff

There remain two large categories of employees in the department, namely the office attendants and the large numbers whom, for want of a better collective term, I call my outdoor staff, although a number of them have been all the time, and all of them for part of the time, engaged on inside work. Of the former category it may be sufficient to say that all

were totally inexperienced, and to invite anyone who doubts the effect on the smooth running of an office of a completely raw staff of attendants and messengers to try the experiment. In the latter category, Mr. A. J. G. Taylor stands alone as having had previous Government experience; he did not, as I have already said, become an executive member of my staff until 10th December, and was almost at once specialised to quasi-administrative work in the New Territories, where the difficulties of communication made it necessary to have in charge of the wide area a man of experience, capable of working independently subject only to the most general guidance from myself; without an officer of Mr. Taylor's energy and reliability it is not too much to say that the department would have failed completely so far as the New Territories are concerned; the magnitude of the task allotted to him might have excused failure even without the artificial difficulties placed in the way of almost every constructive effort on the part of the department when it sought to organise itself in any direction.

Few Exceptions

The remainder of my outdoor staff had to be chosen, as Government declined to release to me, at the expense of other departments, men with experience, from spontaneous applicants or from those who made application for employment in response to advertisements. A few exceptions I shall refer to later. Special experience in immigration work, or even general experience of Government work, were not to be thought of; and all that could be done was to make the selection of men who appeared to have the requisite qualities of intelligence, character and education, so far as I myself and my assistants could, in our own inexperience of the requirements, estimate the type required. I have already referred to the help given by Mr. Middlebrook in selecting some of the European candidates; others were chosen by myself alone, or by myself in collaboration with a committee formed of the Chinese Members of Council,—this as regards the Chinese applicants for senior posts.

No Apology

I had from the first a keen appreciation of the manifold opportunities for dishonesty in work of this kind: In selection of candidates, proof of educational attainments is easy, estimation of intelligence relatively so, but the even more essential point of character is more difficult to gauge. I therefore make no apology for my action in choosing for the more responsible key-posts to be filled such men and women whom I had myself known personally for years beforehand, or persons recommended to me by such friends of mine. In all, I appointed to posts in the department, to posts where experience would have been very desirable, but where absolute trustworthiness was essential, ten persons who could in greater or less degree be described as personal friends of my own; I have refused appointment to about as many more because they were in my opinion, while entirely reliable, unfitted temperamentally or educationally for the only posts which they are willing to accept. I have mentioned one exception to this method of selection, and I now refer to Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, whom I personally asked to make application for the post of A.I.O., as I was in urgent need of an honest and well-educated man and did not know where to find the person in whom I could place that degree of reliance.

Experience proved the rightness of my selection in every such case. Not all the staff resisted the temptations to dishonesty to which I have referred, and I have had to dispense with the services of eight officers since the opening of the department; while I shall not make the extravagant claim that those appointed as my personal friends have given in every case complete satisfaction as public officers, and while I must give credit to the many who were entire strangers to me before their appointment, and whom I have only learned to trust as a result of my experience of their work, I must add that never have I been led, in the midst of almost universal suspicion created by the racketeering which sprang up on every hand, to suspect any of these so hand-picked. On the contrary, they have without exception shown the greatest possible loyalty, not only to myself personally

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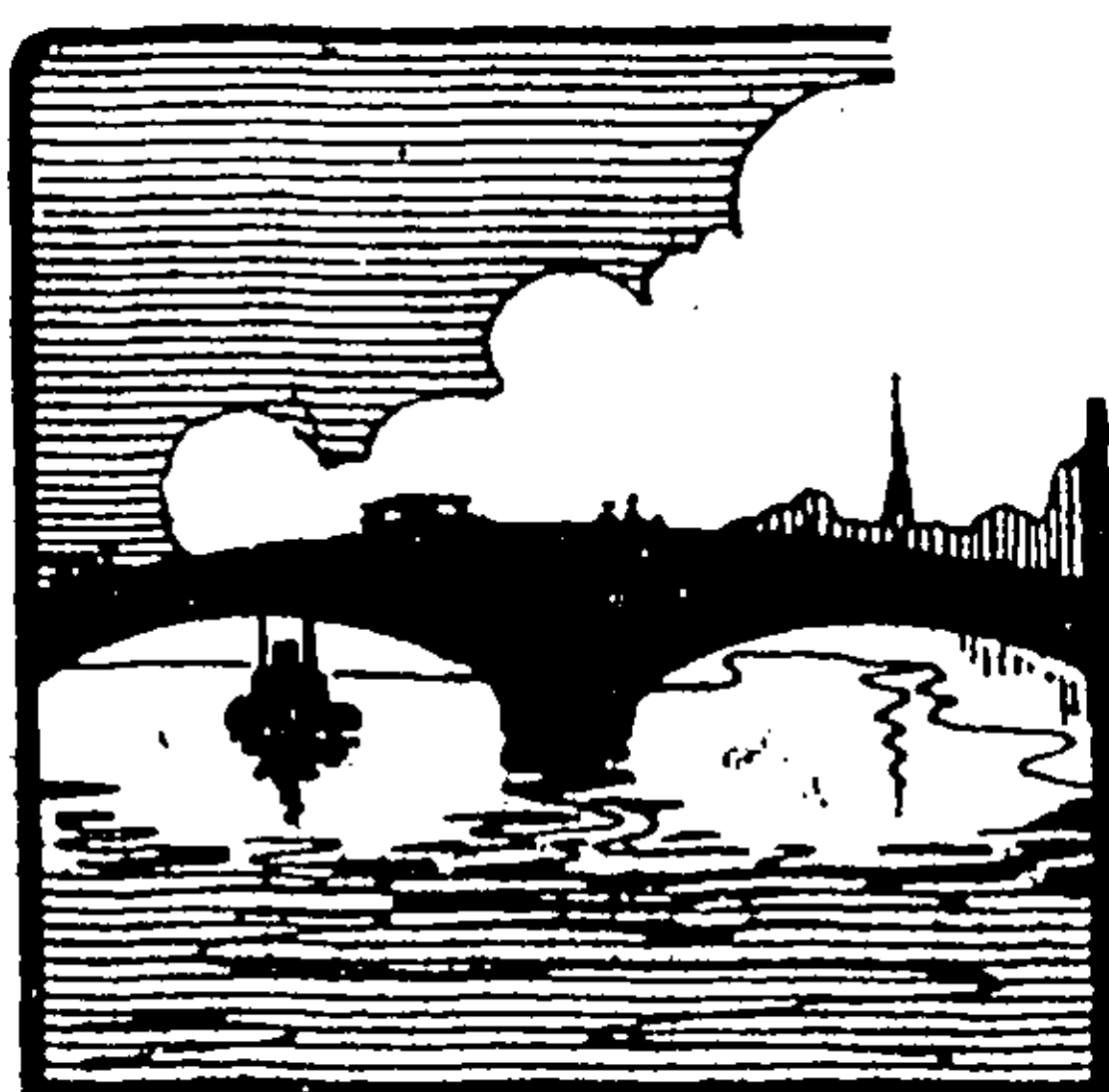
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A NEW VICTIM?

The latest phase of the impending storm in the Balkans is the apparent success reported today of the Nazi attempt at coercing Yugoslavia. Plans for a drive through Bulgaria have apparently been altered. The risk of Turkish intervention or Russian displeasure makes Hitler hesitate. He has accordingly summoned the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister to Berlin to discuss the possibility of a "blitz" move from another direction. Or it may be just a strategic retreat from his real intentions to keep the world guessing and to prolong the war of nerves. The last significant visit of a Yugoslav Premier to Germany was that of Dr. Stoyadinovitch in 1938. His government stood for drifting away from the country's close ties with France and a strong trend towards Italy, and later towards Germany, which had built up a dominant position in Yugoslavia's foreign trade.

The Stoyadinovitch policy soon became unpopular in a Slav country where pro-French feeling was strong and British influence by no means negligible. Prince Paul visited London several times. The present Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, is a moderate Serb, under whom the Yugoslav constitution has been remodelled on a more liberal basis. He seems to have been lulled, however, into the belief that he can restrict Nazi encroachments, which means inevitably that the matter is not yet ended. There are numerous minorities in the country, among whom Germans number 300,000 out of a total population of nearly 14 millions, the majority of whom are Serbs and Croats. The latter have for long demanded autonomy and a federal system. The fostering of Serbo-Croatian dissension in an acute form may be one of Hitler's ways of dismembering and dominating Yugoslavia if it suits Axis plans. But both Serbs and Croats have cruel memories of Germans in the last war. And they are not incapable of offering stout resistance to an invader, even if Yugoslavia is liable to attack by Germany from two sides at once through Hungary and Rumania. As yet the voice of the people has not been heard. There may be further drama yet.



WHEN THE TRUTH COMES OUT!

SEA POWER Will Give Us Victory

By
Lord Strabolgi

In 1935 and "sanctions time," Mussolini and his henchmen used to boast that Italian air power nullified British sea power. Malta was to be obliterated, Gibraltar rendered unusable, and the British Fleet forced to evacuate the Mediterranean by air attack.

These boasts fooled quite a number of people including some leading members of the British Cabinet. The stories of 500 Italian air desperadoes ready to make a death or glory assault on the British Fleet had their effect.

This is one reason why sanctions were not pressed home as a policy, and that, again, was one of the causes of the collapse of the League of Nations and the present war. At the time of Munich there were similar boasts by Goering and other Nazis as to what was to be done to the British Fleet by the Luftwaffe if war came between Britain and Germany.

There was this much excuse for our doubts. The present-day air weapon was untried, and no one felt sure what its power was against warships; indeed, these doubts had a good deal to do with the overcautious handling of our naval forces in the Norwegian campaign.

With the German Air Force able to use the Danish aerodromes and one or two of the Norwegian ones, the then Higher Command declined to send our heavy ships to the relief of Oslo and for the purpose of cutting the German lines of communication with Norway. Yet, in these operations, one of the most important large-scale attacks on a fleet at sea was made by German aircraft.

This was the occasion when the flagship of the Home Fleet was struck on the quarter-deck by a heavy bomb. Her stout armoured decks prevented vital damage, and she was able to keep at sea fit for action until the end of the operations on which she was then engaged.

Now, after 16 months of war, we have much more experience. A well-planned and skilfully directed air attack on ships in harbour can do a great deal of damage. The classic case is the

successful torpedoing from the air of the Italian warships in Taranto harbour. During the Norwegian operations we also scored considerable success against German warships lying in the Norwegian fjords.

But it is a different proposition to attack a fleet at sea. True, we have had several ships damaged by bombs, but, except for the cruiser Southampton, we have only actually lost destroyers by air attack. The destroyer built primarily for speed, carries no armour. Larger ships of modern construction are protected by stout armour decks, and experience has proved that even a direct hit by the heaviest type of bomb is not necessarily fatal.

The truth is that a warship at sea and steaming at full speed is a difficult target. We knew that already from the gunnery point of view. It has been proved again and again how difficult it is to hit the deck of a ship steaming through the water in the numerous air attacks which have been made on our convoys of merchant ships in the English Channel and elsewhere.

It has also been proved that the heavy anti-aircraft battery carried by the modern man-of-war is a good deterrent. Her guns' crews, necessarily exposed on the upper deck, must be well trained and resolute; and then they can put up a very useful barrage against the attacking Air Force.

Now let us return to the Mediterranean situation. There, despite the numerous aerodromes in Sicily, North Africa and the Dodecanese Islands, we have maintained effective control of the Middle Sea.

We are enabled to reinforce and supply the Army of the Nile and also our Greek allies and the British forces cooperating with them. We hinder communications between Italy and Albania

across the Adriatic; we prevent the Italian Navy from taking any effective part in the campaign against Greece, and we have turned the Aegean Sea into a British Lake.

Most important of all, we maintain a stranglehold on Italy by stopping the whole of their commerce inwards and outwards with the rest of the world. Her garrisons in East Africa and Abyssinia are cut off and isolated; while we can move our supplies and troops anywhere at will.

In the big action in the Sicilian Straits on January 10, the main attacks from the air were made by the German Air Force operating from the Italian aerodrome at Catania. Our objective was to pass a big convoy of munitions and other supplies through to Greece, and this we succeeded in doing, with damage only to three warships, two of which reached harbour.

So much for the boast that air power would nullify sea power. It is the same story in home waters. True, the German Air Force damages our merchant shipping and assists the German U-boats in locating our convoys.

But the stranglehold of the blockade on Germany is maintained, and German merchant shipping can only move freely in the Baltic, and to a limited extent, in the Black Sea.

The Royal Navy is still a fleet in being, the great deterrent to any attempted invasion of these islands on a large scale. When we speak of sea power, however, we must remember that this includes not only warships, but the aircraft which operate over the sea.

We need more heavily armed long-range fighters. We need more flying-boats for patrol work and convoy protection. I myself have for long advocated the provision of more anti-aircraft ships converted from fast merchantmen. A medium-sized liner of good speed could have her upper deck stripped so as to mount a very numerous armament of A.A. guns.

Such ships could accompany the fleet or important convoys, and could be provided in some short space of time. Nor am I altogether satisfied that enough of our available labour and ma-

Tuna Comes Home

Bearded, grimy and tired, but still with enough vitality to laugh and shout—that is how a British submarine crew comes home, leaving the shell that has been so long a prison.

Another trip is over. It was perhaps crammed with thrills and dangers; perhaps nothing happened. But it is all the same to the men.

They are back to be nursed into the peak of condition before they face fresh dangers.

I call them dangers; to these men they are just incidents of little consequence, as I gathered

By William Gibbons

when, after the Tuna had come into the Trot (alongside the depot ship), I went into the submarine and heard the story of their action against a German U-boat.

Like Liner

I toured the depot ship, and, having seen much of the British Navy, I rate it as one of the wonders of the Service.

It had me thinking of a giant liner in which I once travelled. There's not the luxury of such a liner; it's just completeness and, as befitting the Navy, a scrupulous cleanliness.

I first went to the "parting shop," where, it seemed to me, men handled these £2,000 torpedoes as a child does his first toy motor-car. They have to be overhauled when they come off submarines, and may need repairs before they are re-issued. So it is that you can see these experts toying with tools in the intricate mechanism of 6,000 parts that make up a "tin fish."

Round the corner I found myself in the sick bay. It's not just spit and polish here. It's a veritable hospital with every modern equipment.

There are 20 beds in the main bay and four in the isolation ward; an operating theatre, X-ray room, laboratory and dispensary, and there are four doctors with a nursing staff (taken from the crew of the ship, mark you!)

Plenty To Eat

The "Dobie" room would be the envy of many a housewife. There the men wash their smalls. And what luxury! They've half a dozen deep washing bowls—or sinks, as they may better be known—hot water and a warm drying cupboard. It is, indeed, a complete laundry.

The cook is a master of his art. Though down to rations, he can provide meals you and I would like to get; yet the cost is 1s. 8d. a day per head, which means a bill totalling £600 a week for the Admiralty.

Of course, you can buy a lot for £600, and this cook does. He uses four tons of potatoes a week, one ton of other vegetables, two tons of meat, and 35,000 pieces of fruit (apart from dried fruit).

No less accomplished is the baker. All the bread and cake is made in the ship.

Always Ready

Naturally, there's a certain amount of untidiness, and a penalty for it. If anything is left about the mess decks, clothing, books, etc., it is taken to the "Scran Bay" and a forfeit of a slice of soap has to be paid to retrieve the article.

The submarine mess decks are always ready for incoming crews, each of whom has his own locker. The mess is kept clean for them while they are away, and their tables and stools are triced up until they return for probably their first real meal for weeks.

terial have been given priority for naval purposes.

These, however, are details. The broad facts remain that sea power is holding its own against the new air weapon, and, in the long run, will prove decisive in this war.

Presents For Moscow's Leaders

AFTER LUNCHING yesterday with von der Schulenberg, the German Ambassador at the German Embassy, Mr. Matsuoka, accompanied by Lieut. General Tatekawa, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, called upon M. Molotov.

The meeting took place at the Kremlin and M. Stalin was present at the interview.

With M. Molotov also was the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Matsuoka later attended a reception to the diplomats of the countries adhering to the Tripartite Alliance, held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence.

Previously, the Japanese Foreign Minister had sent presents to Stalin and Molotov through the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs.

The gift for M. Stalin was a thirteenth-century Japanese screen decorated with hunting scenes, while that for M. Molotov was a lacquer box on which a Japanese shrine was painted in gold and silver.

Confer For An Hour

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Stalin and Mr. Matsuoka conferred for over an hour at the Kremlin, and diplomatic quarters are speculating on the possibility of an early Russo-Japanese rapprochement.

The Soviet Foreign Commissar, Mr. Molotov was present at the conversations.

It is the first time that the Russian Dictator has received a foreign statesman ranking as high as Mr. Matsuoka.

The Japanese Embassy in Moscow terms the visit as "a courtesy call" but reports nevertheless persist that the object of the conference was to explore the possibility of concluding a Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact.

Mr. Matsuoka is due in Berlin on Wednesday. — International News Service.

SOVIET DEMARCHE RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Unconfirmed reports received from Rome state that Soviet Russia has sent a demarche to the Axis powers defining her attitude towards Yugoslavia. — International News Service.

FRENCH CONVOY PASSES OUT OF GIBRALTAR

A convoy of French ships, escorted by destroyers, passed through the Straits of Gibraltar heading for the South Atlantic yesterday afternoon, according to a Tangier telegram to the Italian News Agency.

The Agency adds that the British blockade authorities did not try to stop the convoy. — Reuter.

SOVIET'S FAR EAST ARMY CHIEF

General Joseph Apanasenko has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, says a Moscow despatch to the official German News Agency in Berlin yesterday.

General Apanasenko was formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Central Asia military district and was promoted to general only a month ago.

The previous Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, General Gregory Stern, won the title of "Hero of the Soviet" for successes over the Japanese. — Reuter.

ENEMY FIGHTER SHOT DOWN

Yesterday afternoon, R.A.F. fighters shot down an enemy fighter into the sea off the South Coast. — British Wireless.

WANT BABIES AS PERFECT REMINDER

WOMEN GOING TO birth-control clinics because they DO want babies seems all wrong. But that is what is happening.

"We have been amazed at the number of women who have come to the clinics recently seeking our help in their desire to have babies," Dr. Marie Stopes, the well-known birth control expert, told a London reporter.

"We had nineteen of these eager, would-be mothers at one of our smaller clinics in one day. It is sometimes pitiful to see their longing.

"Before the war we had a fairly steady number of such cases, but now they are becoming much more numerous.

"I think the chief reason for it is that many women passionately desire the most perfect remembrance of their man, who has to leave them to join up.

"War fosters a deep romantic feeling in women and they are often terribly distressed if they cannot have a baby.

"We are able, in many cases, to give them advice which enables them to have children.

"Even war service does not seem to stop some women from wanting a baby. We have women in uniform among our clients and quite recently a young couple, both of whom were in uniform, came to seek our advice.

"It might be thought that the perils of the blitz would make most women unwilling to add to their families or to have a first child, but our experience shows it is quite the other way."

NAIROBI MURDER TRIAL

AN AFTER-LUNCH SCENE IN WHICH SIR DELVES BROUGHTON IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BURST OUT INTO TEARS AFTER SAYING HOW UPSET HE WAS ABOUT LORD ERROL'S DEATH FOR LADY BROUGHTON'S SAKE, WAS RELATED IN EVIDENCE AT THE CONTINUED HEARING OF THE CHARGE AGAINST SIR DELVES OF MURDERING LORD ERROL, AT NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

Reference was also made to an incident at dinner on the night before the tragedy, when it is alleged, Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Errol and wished them every happiness in future.

The subject of an heir was mentioned and Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Errol and their future child. — Reuter.

MENZIES' STAY TO BE PROLONGED

Mr. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, is extending his stay in Great Britain.

In London yesterday, after his provincial tour, he said he hoped to meet members of the Trade Union Congress and to visit North and South Ireland and have a conversation with Mr. De Valera.

On his return journey, via the United States and Canada, he will call on President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King.

Mr. Menzies added that the general impression he would take back to Australia was that he had a good story to tell of what Britain was doing and it had been well worth coming over to see. — Reuter.

STORY OF GUN BATTLE

The story of a gun battle between Chinese soldiers at Shayuchung, ten robbers and the crew of a Hong Kong registered junk, was related last night on the arrival of the junk in Harbour.

According to the report, the junk was sailing near Sam Mun Customs House at 11 p.m. last Wednesday when two pirate junks attacked them with rifles. The battle lasted two hours until the junk's ammunition was exhausted and 10 robbers boarded their junk, towing it to Shayuchung, where they clashed with Chinese soldiers.

Another gun battle occurred until the robbers were apprehended by the soldiers, who took one robber junk into their possession and arrested several pirates, while other robbers escaped in the junk with the cargo, valued at \$10,000.

GUNMEN AFTER ALCOTT?

ONE OF TWO CHINESE WAS SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED BY POLICE WHEN ATTEMPTING BREAK INTO STATION X.M.H.A. AT SEVEN THIS MORNING.

It is not known whether they were after Carroll Alcott who broadcasts news over this station or just intended to rob.

Alcott told Reuter that he had been receiving threats every single day in the past ten days. Yesterday he got three threats, two by mail, one by telephone. — Reuter.

DIED IN MIDNIGHT CRASH

Mrs. Edith White, a fifty-three-year-old widow, of Netherbury Road, Ealing, W., told a neighbour she would like to have a ride in his car. At midnight the car skidded in Kensington Road and collided with a lamp standard. Mrs. White was thrown out and killed.

Accidental death was the inquest verdict.



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MR. FORREST REPLIES

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ally but also to their duty as public servants.

The Diagnosis

"It is time now I think to come to my diagnosis of the causes which led to the condition which has been described as 'chaos' in the Department.

"While admitting that the Department leaves much to be desired—and no-one is more conscious than I am of what it has still to achieve—I must demur at the use of the word 'chaos'.

"All that can be said in favour of the term is that it probably expresses with fair exactitude the opinion of those whose idea of a well-run department is to be found complete within the binding of neatly entered cash book and stores ledger.

"To that view I must answer that the accounts of a department may be faultlessly kept and yet the Department be entirely without value so far as the main reason for its existence is concerned, and thus a sheer waste of public money.

"Book-keeping chaos is undesirable, but is however to be preferred to the useless tidiness which was the possible alternative.

"That there has been anything quite so chaotic as has been alleged, in the affairs of the Immigration Office, I deny, while readily conceding that things have been, and still are, far from perfect.

A Record

"When all is said and done, it is at least true that we have in existence a scheme of immigration control which keeps out the bulk of destitutes and otherwise undesirable entrants, which examines ships on entry more quickly than is done, so far as figures obtained from an officer of the Singapore I.O. go, more expeditiously than the Malayan Immigration Office, with six years experience behind it, does; and which, I may be permitted to boast, may have set a new record for hard work on the part of Government officers. Its ability to carry out its work within the margin set for it by revenue derived from fees somewhat arbitrarily fixed, and reduced below the amounts recommended by the draughtsman of the scheme, has been proved; and there is a substantial balance available for use on expanding and improving the department's services to the public and in increasing its efficiency so soon as Government's financial advisers recognised that this balance is not in the ordinary sense revenue, but an accumulated sum clearly earmarked for that expansion.

First Cause

The first cause of the disorganisation against which I have had to struggle was the inadequacy of the time allowed for preparation, which amounted to two months in all as against the six months during which the War Taxation Department made ready for its debut. I am here treating as preparatory the period immediately prior to enforcement of the Ordinance but subsequent to the opening of the office; that period was perforce foreshortened because it was wedged in between the date on which the office accommodation became available, and the latest date possible on which the restrictions might be usefully enforced. I ought perhaps to reckon in the two months of exploration before that date, but, as I have shown, that period was entirely useless so far as concerns training my staff, and almost quite useless as regards any opportunity for me to gain first-hand acquaintance with the problems involved, I being at that time fully engaged with my duties as Post-Master General and associated offices. It follows that I had available only two months, in which to obtain for a newly recruited staff, which never outnumbered those with any previous Government experience by less than ten to one, the minimum of training required to ensure that on the date of enforcement they would have clearly in mind the main objects of the legislation and the main outlines of the methods of enforcement; this task, it must be remembered, was all the more difficult because

Trial And Error

I was at the same time trying myself to learn the established system of passports, and by trial and error to devise working rules for my staff, both indoor and outdoor. To crown all, no one knew or could have known in advance for what demand on the part of the public for our docu-

ments to be prepared; nor what numbers of staff to engage to meet that demand; the first of the two months of preparation was therefore occupied in the task of making a permit-issuing machine, and making that machine work with approximate regularity; only in the second month was there time to devote to the even more important questions of methods of examination of immigrants and the treatment to be accorded to them in their several categories. It is impossible to assign blame to any person in connection with this particular difficulty; haste was forced upon us by the conditions of the times, to some extent by hesitation of the home government to give full approval to the measures proposed; and so far as blame must rest anywhere it must be set to the account of those who propagated the rumour that the whole immigration scheme was a preparation for compulsory eviction from the Colony of all who could not show our immigration documents as a kind of residence permit, a rumour which caused large numbers to make application as soon as the office opened while they had no intention whatever of travelling outside the limits of the Colony.

Trained Staff

(ii) Shortage of trained staff. Before this department was called into existence no fewer than four emergency departments had been created since the outbreak of war; and others had greatly increased their staff. Some of the new departments had recruited specially trained men from outside the Colony, and all had made greater or less demands on the personnel of existing departments whose need for expansion was less than their own. The head of any department is reluctant to see any but his less competent assistants taken from him; but while proportionate bleeding of all old departments of their experienced and tried subordinates would inevitably have led to a certain loss of efficiency in each, it cannot be questioned that to attempt to establish a new department with only 5% of trained men—trained, that is, in any sense, and without reference to the special training for that department's needs—was to invite inefficiency in the new department.

Cooperation

The cooperation of other departments was not in all cases all that might legitimately be expected. To some I must give hearty thanks for what they did to help me; the Harbour Master never failed to lend whatever assistance he could in the way of information and advice, the Chairman of the Urban Council lent premises as far as he was able to do so; so also did the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, though himself hard pressed; the Postmaster General not only lent me his copy of General Orders until my own could be prepared in usable shape, but allowed his first clerk to undertake that work for me, and frequently spared the time of a very able detective on his staff to carry out investigations into malpractices among my staff, as well as supplying my staff with prompt notice of arrival of ships the Censors cooperated in breaking rackets by information me of matters coming to their notice. It would not be fair to exclude mention of the help given by the Manager of the Railway and his Chief Mechanical Engineer. In other cases appreciation of co-operation must be severely qualified; certain sections of the Police Department were most helpful, and in fact indispensable so; I gratefully include in this group besides the Commissioner of Police himself, the detectives of the C.I.D. and the Emergency Unit, on whose services I called with embarrassing frequency. My relations with the Special Branch were less harmonious; I was requested by them to take over work which did not seem to fall within the scope of immigration control; there was unnecessary delay in bringing to my notice the existence of a special arrangement with Macao regarding dispensation from holding of passports, and in dealing with the matter after it had been brought to my notice; there was even more delay in supplying me with a copy of the standing orders for passport examination which were very urgently required for the instruction of my newly acquired staff; its subordinate officers seemed reluctant to explain their methods to my examining officers, and there was constant wrangling over the use of launches. The last feature

has come to a head in a departmental inquiry which is, I believe, now proceeding. Whatever be the reasons, whether the passing from their hands of passport control was felt as a loss of prestige, or because they were themselves as it is quite probable, embarrassed by the increased demands for use of their launches, there is little that can be said for the attitude taken.

The Treasury

Still less can be said of the co-operation of the Treasury. I was so far from unwilling to accept guidance on methods of accounting that frequently before my official appointment, and almost daily after the opening of the office, I was in contact with one or other of the senior officers of that department; there are still in existence account books of a form devised by them, and I gratefully acknowledge Mr. Barton's assistance in leading more suitable furniture for my shroffs. Mr. Pudney paid fairly frequent visits to my office, and was well aware of the harassing conditions under which I was working; when it was apparent to him that all was not well, helpful advice, let alone concrete help, simply ceased. There is no hint in his reports which have been brought before this Commission of his knowledge of the almost insufferable condition of my work; he indeed recommended that ledgers and other books should be kept, but though he himself was the other ultimately responsible for proper keeping of Government accounts, I cannot find that he even represented to Government in aid of my own requests the urgent need of a trained accountant to put my accountancy into order which, as he was well aware, I had neither time nor staff to do myself.

No Offer

He did not offer, nor regret his inability to lend, such an officer from his own department, nor suggest to me a suitable person to be engaged for the purpose, though I may presume he was better qualified to recommend an accountant than I was. They only suggestion bearing on this problem emanating from the Treasury was made on about 15th January, 1941 when he recommended that Mr. A. J. G. Taylor, transferred to my department as an A.I.O., should be called in to put my accounts in order; it represents a curiously narrow outlook that he should have overlooked the fact that one of the very small number of experienced officers in my department, Mr. Taylor, could be ill spared from his own sphere in the New Territories; still more curious that, in criticising me for having failed to provide an accounting system adequate to the department's needs, he should have forgotten not only that accountants are made and not born, but also his own responsibility as chief accounting officer, unless he conceived that his own duty was completely discharged when in arrears he reported, with certain exaggeration, the shortcomings of the department without indication of means of amelioration. It may have been blind faith in these reports which induced the Financial Secretary to attribute all the imperfections to the "persons with whom I had seen fit to surround myself"—again without any conspicuous attempt to surround me with persons more proper for their posts.

Office Space

(v). Inadequate provisioning of the department from the point of view of office space and transport.

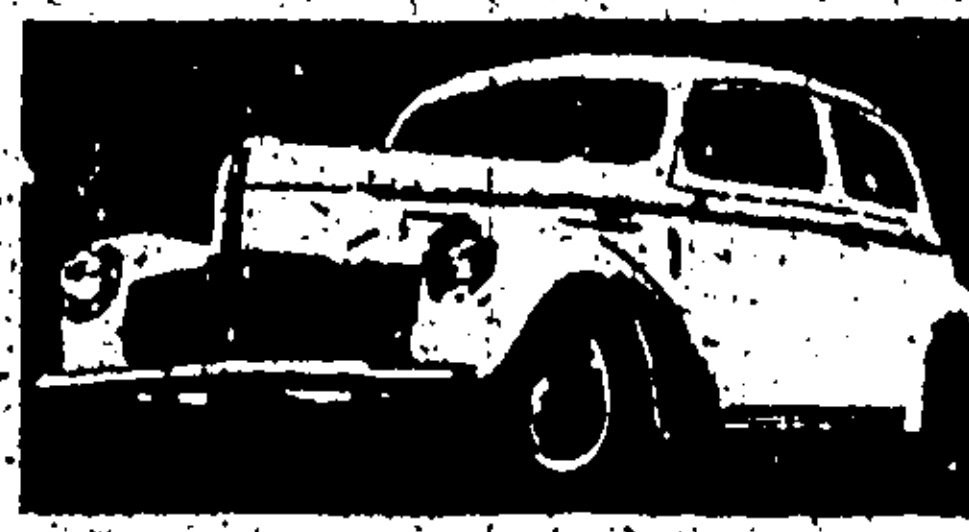
I have already put in documents in substantiation of these two complaints, and it only remains to say that while the demand for more office space could not have been foreseen without actual experience of the department in full working order, the latter demand, made after full consideration and not before I felt that I had behind me enough experience of actual working of my examination squads and of the financial balance to warrant a conclusion, met with very unsympathetic reception on the part of the Financial Secretary. The result is that my department is called upon to examine ships in all parts of the Harbour, relying for its transport on one very inadequate launch which it shares with the Police officers on duty on the Harbour, and on hiring of motor boats, which besides being expensive are slow and entirely unsuitable in not infrequent unstable conditions of the sea. For the same rea-

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than "six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

24th March, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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By Order of the Board

of Directors,

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

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Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

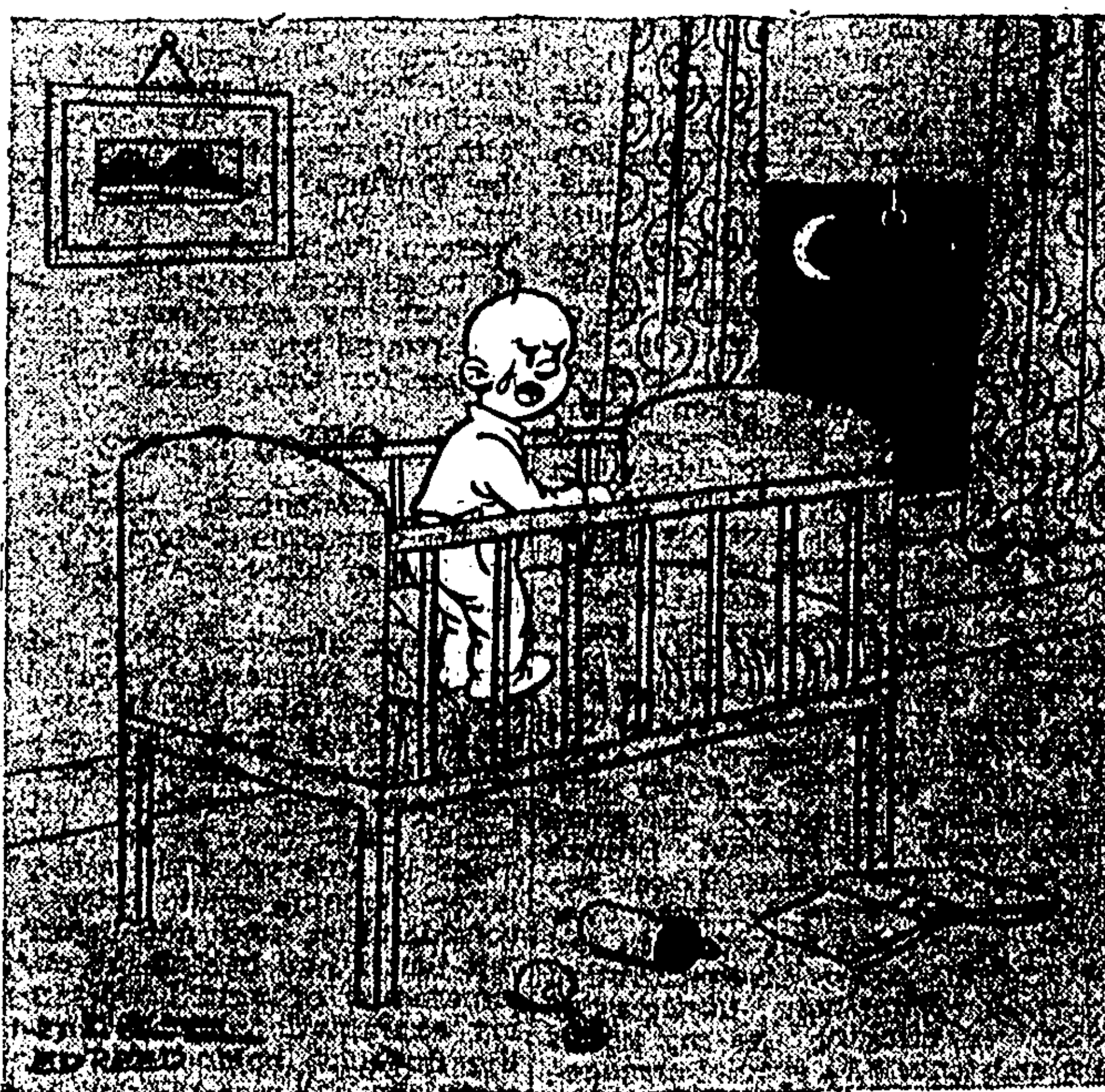
By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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BRIDGE NOTES

A Losing Slam Bid By The Four Aces

"Please clear up a point for us," is the plea of a Baltimore reader. "In the hand attached, North felt justified in bidding a Grand Slam on the theory that an opening two-bid guaranteed a great deal of high-card strength. South insists that she had a game if North had as little as the Jack of diamonds, and was therefore correct in opening with a two-bid. Who is right?"

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7
♥ A K J
♦ J 9 6 2
♣ A K Q 9 3

♠ A 6
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 4 2
♣ K 4 3
♠ 6 5 2

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♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ 9 7 6 5 3
♦ —
♣ J 10 7 4

♠ K Q J 10 9 8

♥ A Q 10 8 7 6

♠ 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

We agree with North. An opening two-bid should guarantee at least half of the high-card strength in the deck, largely to guard against just the sort of mishap which took place in this hand. Fine players all recognise that a large part of the burden in Slam bidding after an opening two-bid rests on the weak hand. The strong hand shows nearly all his strength in the opening bid of two; it is up to his partner to judge whether or not his support is sufficient to carry on to Slam.

The actual South player was, of course, correct in assuming that game was possible if North held as little as the Jack of diamonds. But that fact did not make it necessary for her to open with a two bid. If we assume that North has a blank hand except for the Jack of diamonds, how likely is it that neither East nor West will be able to make a bid, and that

an opening bid of one spade will therefore be passed out? A moment's reflection will show that chance is so negligible as to be disregarded. We think South must accept responsibility for the losing Slam because of the unwise two-bid.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 9 6
♥ K 4 3
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Partner	You	Partner	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four spades. This extremely powerful bid invites a Slam if your partner has any top-card strength, and at the same time makes sure that a game is reached. No other bid so clearly describes the nature of the hand.

Score 100% for four spades, 50% for three hearts or three diamonds, 40% for three spades, 30% for three clubs.

Question No. 673

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ K 5 2
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Partner
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

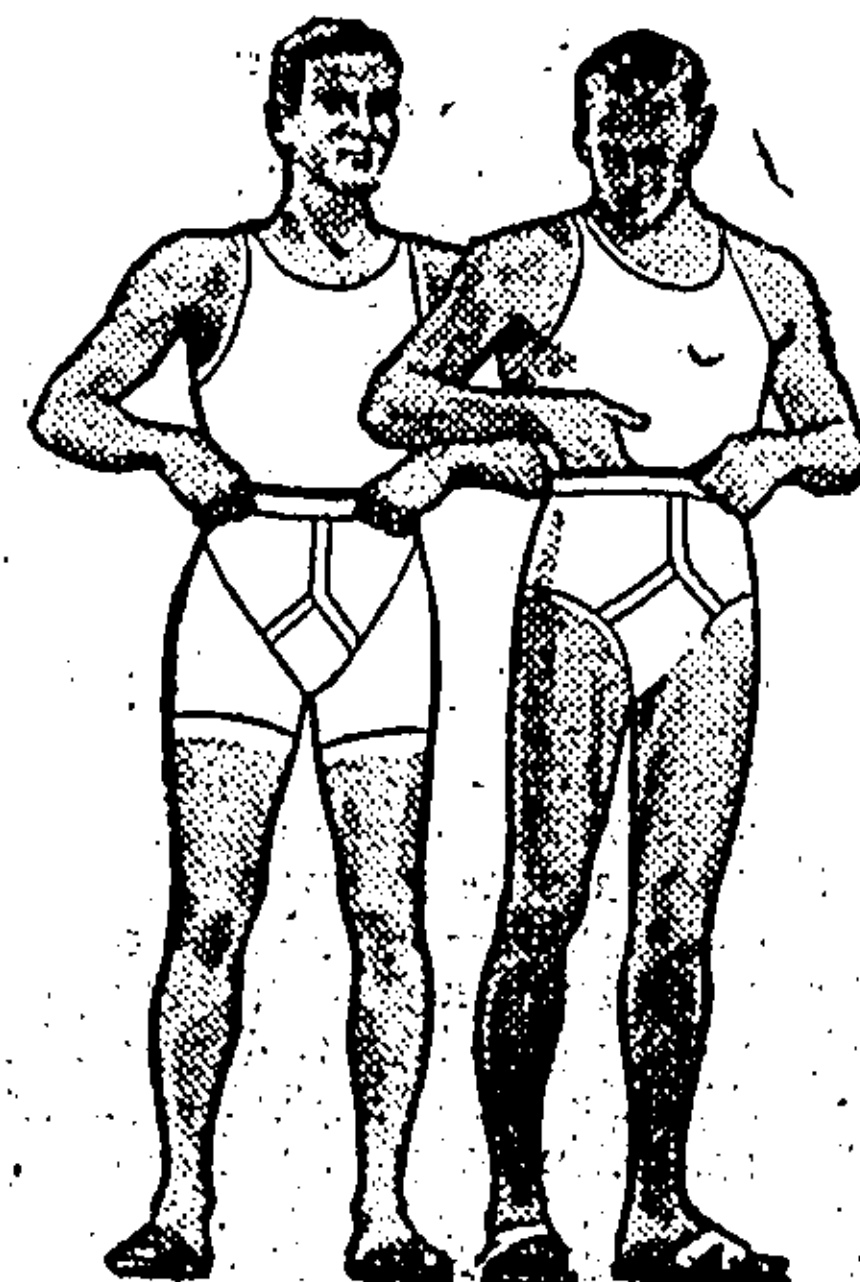
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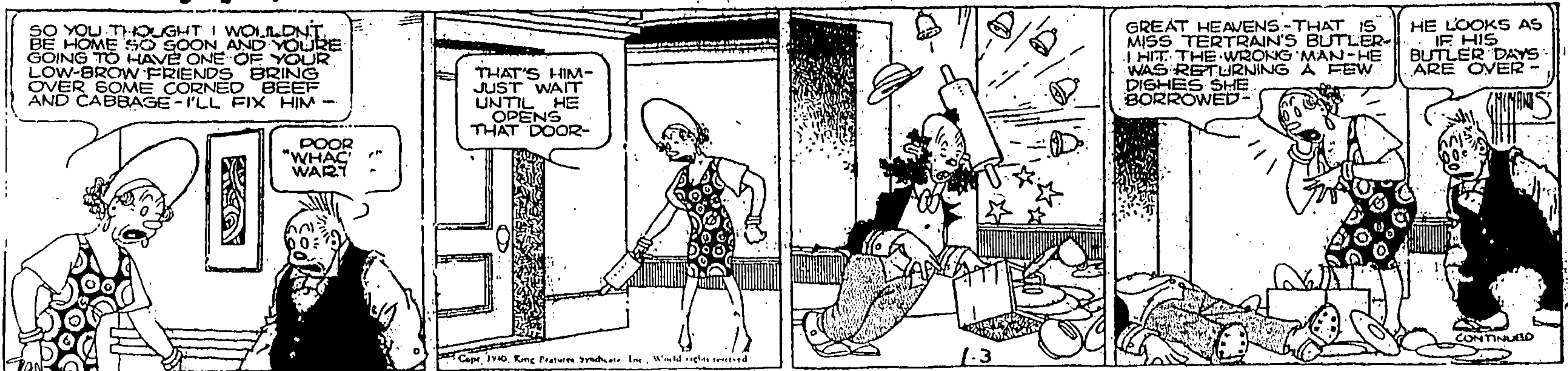
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



BLACKOUT OFFENCES

SEVENTEEN RESIDENTS, INCLUDING A JAPANESE, WERE SUMMONED BEFORE MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON THIS MORNING FOR BREACH OF LIGHT REGULATIONS DURING THE LAST BLACK-OUT.

J. Sasaki, of No. 157, Waterloo Road, was fined \$5 for failing to screen a light at 9.30 p.m. on February 26.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Chan Yu, of No. 12, Cornwall Road, for a similar offence. Sergeant Pennell said it was a very bad case because the whole house lights were visible from a far distance.

Fines ranging from \$2 to \$10 were imposed on others.

HEADS BUMP AS THEY BEND—1 DIES

Knocking his head against his son's head as they bent down to lift a sack of potatoes, Roland Benjamin Cowell, aged forty, grover, of Staines Road, Sunbury on Thames, developed meningitis and died.

The father's glasses were knocked off. Later he complained of severe headaches and was taken to hospital.

"It was an unusual injury?" the coroner asked a doctor at the inquest.

"Yes, but consistent with the accident," was the reply.

Verdict: Accidental death.

"B.-P.'S" STUDY AS MEMORIAL

The Chief Scout's room at Scout headquarters in London, where Lord Baden-Powell worked several days each week for the Scout movement amid mementoes of his life of adventure, is to become a museum in memory of him.

RING AS SPITFIRE GIFT

A Woolwich wife has given her 22ct. gold wedding ring to be sold in aid of the district's Spitfire Fund. She said she was unable to afford a donation.

The ring is on view in a shop.

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RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.20 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—New Variety.

Piano—Sousa and Strauss in Reverse
—A Musical Caricature Alec Templeton.

Comedians—Talking Shop; Big and Stinker's 'Moment Musical'—Arthur Askey & Richard Murdoch.

Organ—Childhood Memories (arr. Debroy Somers). Reginald Foort.

Vocal—Shake down the Stars (De Lange, Van Heusen). Tiggerty-Do!

(Hallifax) Elsie Carlisle with Instrumental acc.

Vocal—Devil May Care (Burke-Warren). When the Swallows come back to Capistrano (Rene) Dick Todd with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

Overture 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' (Nicolai). The BBC Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

Chauve-Souris—Duet from Pique Dame (Tchaikovsky). Eugene Safonova and Finalda Erchova with the Cambridge Theatre Orchestra.

From Foreign Parts. A Funny Story: Catch Me if You Can; Entreating Child (from Schumann's 'Scenes from Childhood')... Yves Nat (Piano).

Minuet (Boccherini). Gavotte in E (for Strings) (Bach). The Walter String Players.

Ombra Mai Fu ('Xerxes')—Handel. Enrico Caruso (Tenor).

Transmere ('Schumann') Edwin H. Lemare (Organ).

Abendlied (Schumann). Tarantella (Sarasate). Manuel Quiroga (Violin) with Piano.

Eugen Onegin (Tchaikovsky). Polonaise; Waltz. State Opera Orch.

Oriental Prayer ('Lakme')—Delibes. Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus.

Poupee Valsante (Poldini). Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano.

Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette Suite')—Tchaikovsky.

Rawicz & Landauer (Two Pianos).

Spring Song (Mendelssohn). Columbia Symphony Orchestra.

I Love Thee (Grieg). Parted (Tosti). Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.

Comin' Thro' The Rye (Trad.). The Bonnie, Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomond (Trad.). Dora Labbett (Soprano) with Piano.

Foursome. Intro: Highland Whisky; Jenny Dang the Weaver—Reel; Lady Mary Ramsay—Strathspey; Reel o' Tulloch—Reel... Meredith-Kay & His Orchestra.

When the Kaye Comes Home... Frank Gordon (Bass-Baritone) with Piano.

Sword Dance (Callum)... Highland Military Band.

In Hebride Seas (from 'Songs of the Hebrides')—Kennedy-Fraser... Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) with Piano.

Skirt Dance—Woodland Flowers... Highland Military Band.

Bonnie Mary of Argyll (Trad.); The Bloom is on the Rye (Fitzball-Bishop)... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 p.m.—Compositions of Rachmaninoff.

Polka De W.R.... Sergel Rachmaninoff (Piano).

O Cease Thy Singing... Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra and Electronic.

Pollchinel... Loff Polushnoff (Piano).

Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5; Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.

Concerto No. 1 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 1—1st Mov. Vivace; 2nd Mov. Andante; 3rd Mov. Allegro vivace... Sergel Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Orchestra cond. by Eugene Ormandy.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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Macao Electrics (New) \$17¼ b.

Telephones (Old) \$24.30 b.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7 b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

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500 Watsons @ \$11.15

BISHOPS FOR "GOD'S PLAN"

A conference of Bishops, laity and clergy at Malvern (Worce) condemned private ownership of the principal industrial resources of the community as "a stumbling block" to Christianity.

Dealing with private ownership the declaration said: "On the one hand it may deprive the poorest members of the community of the essentials of life. On the other, while these resources can be so owned, men will strive for their ownership for themselves."

"As a consequence, a way of life founded on the supremacy of the economic motive will remain, which is contrary to God's plan for mankind."

"The time has come for Christians to proclaim the need for striving towards a form of society in which the continuance of these abuses will be no longer possible."



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Java and Manila	Mar. 28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 7th March)	Mar. 29
Canton	Mar. 29
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 1st March)	Mar. 30
Rangoon	Mar. 30
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th March	Mar. 31
Sandakan	Apr. 3
Sandakan	Apr. 5

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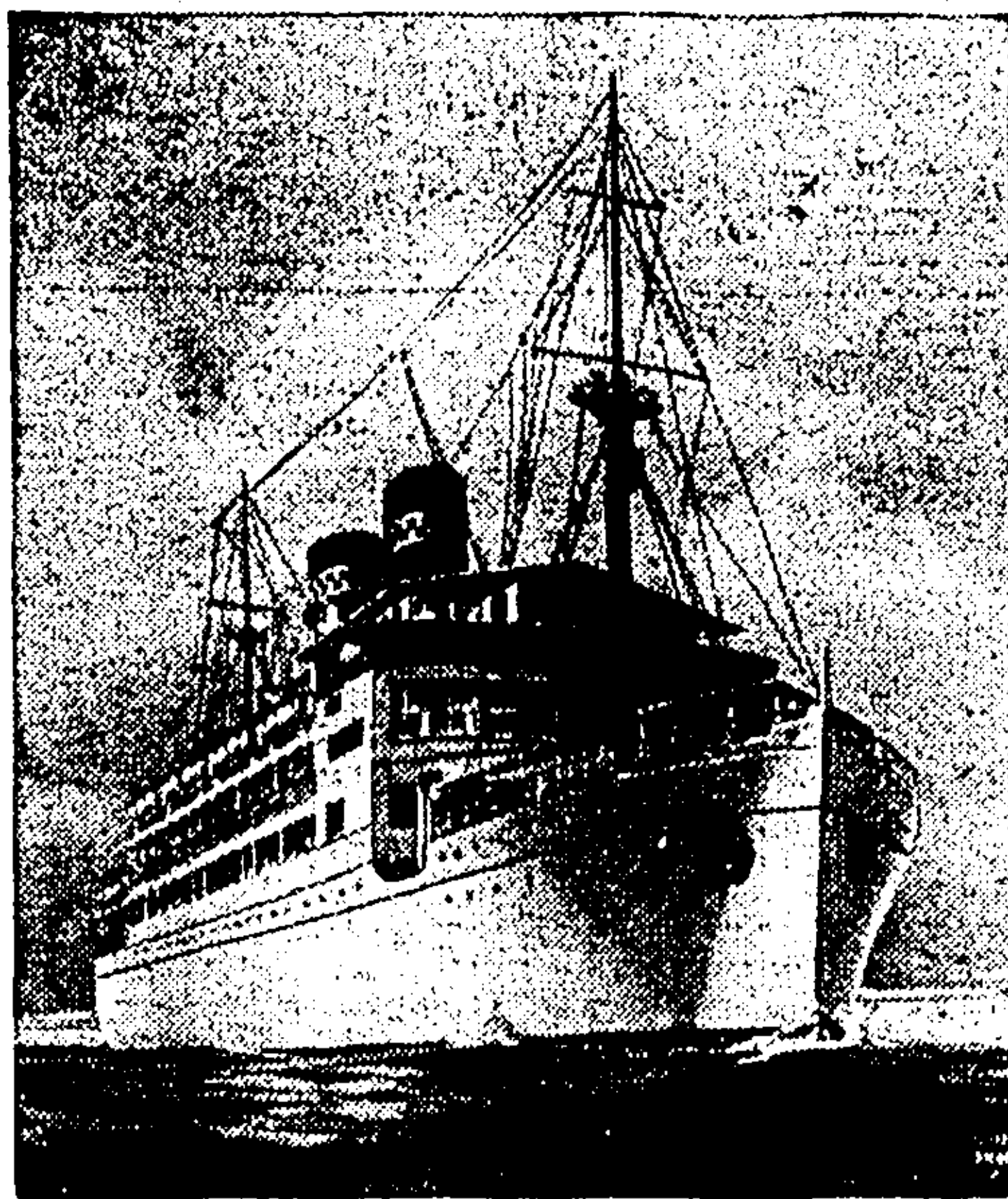
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Reg.	G.P.O.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.		7.00 p.m.
Canton		7.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26		
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."		
Reg.	K.P.O. & G.P.O.	11.00 a.m.
Ord.		11.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta		11.00 a.m.
Parcels		11.00 a.m.
Letters		Noon
THURSDAY, MARCH 27		
Straits, South Africa and Parcels only for United Kingdom.		
Par.	K.P.O.	26th 5.00 p.m.
Reg.		26th 5.00 p.m.
Ord.		27th 8.30 a.m.
Par.	G.P.O.	26th 5.00 p.m.
Reg.		26th 5.00 p.m.
Ord.		27th 8.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 28		
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."		
Reg.	K.P.O.	2.00 p.m.
Ord.		2.30 p.m.
Reg.	G.P.O.	2.00 p.m.
Ord.		2.30 p.m.
Ceylon, India, East and South Africa		3.30 p.m.
Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta		3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."		
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BRITAIN'S BALANCE

The Military Correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post" last Saturday tabulated British successes and assets in facing the 1941 spring campaign as:

- (1) complete recovery after the enemy's Franco-Belgian success,
- (2) defeats of the German air force and invasion plans of 1940,
- (3) formation and equipment of three powerful armies at Home and in the Mediterranean Zone and in East Africa,
- (4) defeat of the two Italian Army Groups in Africa and the air force,
- (5) elimination of Italian Naval Power,
- (6) invasion of Egypt and Canal control defeated,
- (7) Italian Empire isolated and divided and in process of dissolution,
- (8) Italian power in Abyssinia broken,
- (9) German Air Force drawn into the Balkans and invasion of Britain rendered more difficult,
- (10) final consolidation of the Empire force, each with its own productive arsenal, and entry of the United States as a non-belligerent ally far beyond Hitler's conception of the use of such allies.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS TO BE BUILT ON THE GREAT LAKES

CANADA AND THE United States are to build army and navy vessels in shipbuilding yards on the Great Lakes.

Conclusion of the agreement on this point was announced by the United States Administration yesterday.

MR. FORREST REPLIES

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son I am unable even to investigate the question of control of junk traffic at Shauiwan and other spots.

"Sabotaged"

To say that the Immigration Office was sabotaged from the outset would be to go too far; but it has been in effect sabotaged by the refusal of even the most elementary facilities which experience had shown abundantly necessary for its proper and convenient functioning. When these facilities were not refused downright there was delay, more than is adequately explained by the normal demands of office routine. Financial control throughout has preferred the form of chicanery to wise spending, and financial advice has taken normally the form of criticism in arrears or of advice to utilise the services of non-existent officers or of officers

The agreement is the climax to negotiations which have been in progress for the past two years. It involves a new interpretation of the Rush-Bagot Agreement of 1817 governing naval operations in the Great Lakes.

The new agreement lays down that the vessels are not to be intended for service on the Great Lakes, that each government must furnish the other with full details before beginning construction, that warships may be built with full armaments but that the latter must be incapable of immediate use while the vessels remain on the Lakes, and that the vessels must be moved promptly from the Lakes on completion.—Reuter.

whose duties lay in other spheres instead of providing at least temporarily the services of an officer properly equipped to see the department set on its feet in the matter of an accounting system.

I may illustrate the greater liberality with which the Malayan Immigration Office has been treated in this matter of provisioning by quoting one instance. Some few weeks ago I was asked by the Financial Secretary to undertake certain additional work in connection with control of currency carried by passengers; I agreed to do so, but asked for an assurance that my engagement of six senior officers specially for this service would not be questioned, I having arrived at that figure after careful consultation with my staff. The reply hinted at scandalous extravagance in staffing, and ended by saying that the Financial Secretary would prefer to drop the scheme altogether rather than consent to such waste; the scheme was accordingly dropped. A few days later I learned accidentally from Mr. Huggins of the Singapore Immigration Office, who happened to be in the Colony, that his staff had just been augmented by 32 Europeans expressly for this work. Anything more clearly showing the lack of sense of proportion or of imagination in financial control would be hard to find.

Disregarded

Generally, almost all these causes of unsatisfactory working could be digested into one: The united advice of those working in the department and best acquainted by practical experience with its peculiar problems was given second placed to that of those working in far easier conditions, with an adequate and fully trained staff, uncrowded offices, and traditions to work by instead of to make; the man on the spot gave warning of the inevitable result, and was disregarded. To say that had my advice been taken in all cases everything would have gone well might be to go too far; but it is at least certain in my mind that had my demands been promptly met the bad effects would have been greatly minimised, and this inquiry need not have been held at all.

If in retrospect I see good grounds for accepting blame for the conduct of the department they are that I should have abandoned a manifestly impossible struggle as soon as it became plain that my demands for the wherewithal to carry on the new department in the only way in which it could be carried on properly were to be unheeded; possibly I ought to have compromised; as was not so long ago suggested to me by a certain highly-placed Government officer, to the extent of taking a reasonable amount of squeeze in my department for granted, and thus I might have allayed a great deal of the sponsored discontent. I can only explain my failure to adopt either line of action by quoting the last official minute of an officer who left the service of this Government some fourteen years ago, and say that any officer worth his salt will carry on his work however unencouraging the conditions under which he is called upon to work.

SHARED BUNKS IN SHELTER

Shelter chaperones are needed in some London boroughs. A police officer investigating a disturbance in a West Ham shelter found two young couples in bunks.

"This sort of thing is going on all over the district, but we are powerless to stop it," Mr. A. E. Waters, chief A.R.P. officer of West Ham told a reporter.

"The only solution is to have paid personnel with definite authority on duty each night. Young couples find dark corners in the shelters to carry on their love-making. Voluntary wardens have not the authority to stop sharing bunks.

"The voluntary warden must find a policeman, and by the time the officer arrives the couples have gone.

"We Are Powerless"

"By supervision we are doing all we can but without the proper authority of paid personnel, or a Ministry order to segregate the sexes we are powerless.

"And with the problem of men and women sleeping separately arises that of married couples who won't separate."

A Ministry of Health official said: "Restrictions should be dealt with locally, and police officers called if order cannot be kept."

When James Kitch, aged nineteen, a labourer, of Clive Road, Romford, was fined £5 at West Ham for obstructing the police, it was stated that he told young couples in bunks: "Take no notice of him, it is nothing to do with the police. We can stay here as long as we like."

CHINESE GOODWILL MISSION

THE UNOFFICIAL CHINESE GOODWILL MILITARY MISSION, LED BY GENERAL SHANG CHEN, ARRIVED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

During the stay, extending to Thursday, the Mission will be entertained by the Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

'ARTILLERY' CUP SOCCER FINAL TO-MORROW

Winter Season Drawing To Close

By "Squaddy"

THE Command Tug-of-War Tournament commences on April 1 and there are two weights, 110 stone and 130 stone.

This year there is only one draw for both weights, so as to enable both teams to travel together and save expenses.

Last year's winners 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. of both weights, have been drawn against the Royal Scots and should have no difficulty in entering into the Semi-Final.

The draw for the tournament is as follows:-

1ST ROUND
8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. v 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
5th A.A. Regt., R.A. v 5/7th Rajput Regt.
2nd Royal Scots v 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.
1st Middlesex Regt. v 2/14th

Punjab Regt. The first named team has the choice of ground, and the First Round has to be completed before Sunday, April 20.

The Semi-Finals and Finals will be pulled off on the Polo ground Kowloon, on April 22, 23 and 24.

At the Middlesex Regiment Athletic meeting, held last week, some fine performances were put up and two of last year's Army records were broken.

The Throwing the Discus record was beaten by Pte. Lever, who threw it 114 feet 7½ inches thus beating his last year's effort of 107½ inches, and the High Jump event was also beaten by 1 inch, last year's Army team was 10 feet 6 inches, and this year "B" Coy. cleared 10

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
Rugby Large Units League
Royal Engineers v Royal Artillery (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
TO-MORROW
Cricket—Large Units Final
Royal Engineers v Small Units (Sookunpoo, 2.00 p.m.)
Football—Royal Artillery Cup Final
20th Hvy. Bty. R.A. v 30th Hvy. Bty. R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
THURSDAY
Cricket—Large Units Final
Royal Engineers v Small Units (Sookunpoo, 2.00 p.m.)
SATURDAY
Football—(1st Division)
Royal Scots v H.K. Police (Boundary St. Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)
SUNDAY
Football—(Governor's Cup)
H.K.F.A. v C.A.A. Federation (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

feet 7 inches. Pte. Bindon clearing 5 feet 4 inches. He might have done better but stopped. Times and distances set up at last year's Command meeting were:-

Throwing the Discus 203 ft. 1½ ins. (Middlesex Regt. team)
Putting the Weight 71 ft. (Team H.K.S.R.A.)
Throwing the Hammer 205 ft. 5 ins. (2/Royal Scots)
Long Jump 39 ft. 10 ins. (5/6th Rajputana Rifles team)
High Jump Team Tie 10 ft. 6 ins. (5th A.A. Regt. R.A. and 8th Hvy. Regt. R.A.)
Throwing the Javelin 318 ft. 8½ ins. (1st Middlesex Regt.)
Three Miles Team race 16 mins. 23 secs. (5/6th Rajputana Rifles)
The Pole Vault 18 ft. 10 ins. (H.K.S.R.A.)

2 Miles Relay 8 mins. 45½ secs. (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
880 Yards Relay 1 min. 39 secs. (1st Middlesex Regt.)
1 Mile Team Race (12th Hvy. Regt. R.A.)
480 Yards Hurdles Relay 1 min. 13 secs. (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
1 Mile Relay 3 mins. 41 secs. (Royal Scots)
440 Yards Relay 46-2/5 secs. (1st Middlesex Regt.)
110 Stone Tug-of-War (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
130 Stone Tug-of-War (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)

INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS.
Throwing Discus 110 ft. 1 in.
High Jump 5 ft. 4 ins.
Long Jump 20 ft. 11 ins.
Pole Vault 10 ft. 2 ins.
Javelin 177 ft.
Putting Weight 36 ft. 4 ins.
Hammer 117 ft. 2 ins.

BOXING

THE Command Boxing Inter-Unit Competition will take place at Murray Barracks on April 3, 9 and 10 commencing at 8.30 p.m. each night.

The following have entered for the competition:-
2nd Royal Scots,
1st Middlesex Regiment,
Royal Artillery,
Combined Small Units (Provisional) if they can raise a team.

If the four teams can enter it will be the first time that four teams have fought for a good many years and it would make the competition more open.

FOOTBALL

TO-morrow, at Sookunpoo, the Final of the Royal Artillery Football Cup will be played between 20th Bty. R.A. and 30th Bty. R.A.

The Royal Army Service Corps have entered the Final of the Junior Shield and will meet South China in the Final. This should prove a good game and I think that Service Corps should be able to pull off this competition and enable this shield which was won last year by 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A., to remain with Army.

Now that the end of the season is drawing near and the Middlesex Regt. have only one more match to play, and that against the Club, they are certain to finish fourth in First Division. It is suggested that the Champion Chinese eleven, South China, play against the best European eleven

HOME RACING

STARTS TO-MORROW

JOCKEYS IN SERVICE GREATCOATS

Shorn of the usual peacetime glamour and bound by restrictions through wartime conditions the flatracing season begins with the Lincolnshire Handicap at Lincoln to-morrow.

Despite the anti-sport element which has been responsible for the cancellation of the Grand National, one of the biggest turf spectacles of the world with the exception of the Epsom Derby, the fact that racing has overcome more obstacles in the past nine months than in its whole history proves that it is general-

ly required both as a successful breeding industry and for relaxation of all participating in the war effort.

All Types Of Owners

In spite of conditions which require the rationing of food-stuffs, even for the reduced number of horses in training, there is great optimism and owners of all types, varying from a peer, who was formerly Secretary of State for India, to a Doncaster publican, are competing for the first big prize.

Transport difficulty will naturally restrict the attendance at the meeting at which Khaki and Air Force blue will provide a splash of colour, and many jockeys will parade in the Pad-dock with Air Force or Army greatcoats over their silks. —Reuter.

—Middlesex—at the end of the season.

HOCKEY

THE Final of the Small Units Hockey Competition was played on Saturday at Sookunpoo and was won by the 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A., who defeated 3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A., by two goals to nil after a goalless first half.

At the conclusion of the game the prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. McLeod.

The Large Units Hockey League is nearly finished and the winners are the Middlesex Regt. who are seven points in the lead of the Rajput Regt. who cannot overtake them even if they win all their remaining matches.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Middlesex Regt.	9	8	0	1	17
Rajputs	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	7	3	1	3	9
5th A.A. Regt., R.A.	6	3	1	2	8
Royal Scots	6	1	4	1	3
8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	7	2	4	1	5
H.K.S.R.A.	6	1	3	2	4
Royal Engineers	7	2	5	0	4
2/14th Punjabs	5	1	2	2	4
Combined Small Units	6	0	4	2	2

SNOOKER

THE Medical Corps added another trophy to their Billiards and Snooker collection by defeating Royal Engineers' Sgts. last Thursday in the last game of the Garrison Snooker League.

The Final position of all teams was as follows:-

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	14	9	1	4	58
R.E. Sgts.	14	9	3	2	55
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	14	6	3	5	46
C.M. Police	14	3	4	7	41
R.E. "A" Team	14	2	5	7	38
R.A.P.C.	14	3	6	5	35
Signals "A" Team	14	3	8	3	33
Signals Cpls.	14	2	7	5	32

RUGBY

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo only one game is being played in the Large Units' Rugby League and that between Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery. This should be an interesting match to watch as both teams are on top, although the Engineers have a big lead in points.

The Engineers have not yet lost a match in this competition.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Royal Engineers	6	6	0	0	12
Royal Artillery	5	3	2	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined Small Units	5	0	4	1	1

CRICKET

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday and Thursday the Final of the Large Units Cricket Competition will be played between Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units commencing at 2 p.m. each day.

Last week the Royal Engineers defeated Royal Artillery in the Semi-Final by eleven runs.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis championship programme:-

Open Singles
Tsui Yan-pui v C. H. R. Oxlade (5).
Tsui Wai-pui v O. Rumjahn (8).
Club Championship
H. Van Leeuwen v G. W. Sewell (6).
H. J. Armstrong v A. H. Barwell (7).
Club Handicap Singles
F. D. Hunter (plus 2/6) or S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6) v J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) or E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) (1).
Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church (-3/6) v R. E. Guest and Mrs. Lambert Baker (-13/2) (2); Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dalziel (-3/6) (3); V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (-4/6) v H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell (-3/6) (4).

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. at League Cricket on Saturday:

1st XI v University (Home).—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Forrescue, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Perry, R. H. Griffiths, E. W. Pudney, N. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.

2nd XI v Kowloon C.C. (Away).—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. Mitchell, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson.

D. S. ROBB'S ELEVEN
The following will play for D. S. Robb's XI against T. A. Pearce's Army XI at the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m.:
D. S. Robb, C. W. E. Bishop, H. J. Armstrong, N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, J. Hackney, W. G. Finnie, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, E. W. Pudney and R. S. W. Paterson.

WAH YAN COLLEGE SPORTS TO-DAY

The 16th Annual Athletic meeting of the Wah Yan College will be held at Caroline Hill, commencing at 1 p.m. to-day. Mrs. M. B. Costello will distribute the prizes, at the conclusion of the sports.

SUNDAY'S BOWLS

The Lawn Bowls Match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Northumberland and Durham Association which was to have taken place on the 16th and was postponed on account of the weather has now been arranged for Sunday at K.C.C.

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Hooi And Miss Khoo Play Well

BADMINTON OF THE very highest order was seen at Kowloon Cricket Club last night when a large programme was successfully disposed of.

Highlight of the evening was the defeat of C. Au, runner-up last year and who beat Henry Eardley in the previous round in the current tournament, at the hands of his club-mate, F. Koh.

The latter played powerful all-round badminton which forced Au into errors, and was good value for his win.

The senior doubles match between the Yoongs, and Amplavanar and Cheah provided evidence of another possible threat to the singles crown. If M. P. Yoong is as good at the singles game as he is at doubles, he should provide a strong challenge for the title.

He was the outstanding player on the court last night and, well supported by his brother, there was never any doubt as to the outcome of the match.

Former Champions Impress

The junior singles and the first mixed match were not very interesting but there were some thrilling rallies in the second match in which former title-holders P. K. Hooi and Miss Ulian Khoo beat the powerful Recreio combination of J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva.

Hooi was in brilliant form and with Miss Khoo tucking away anything loose at the net, the University pair established their superiority after a great first game and settled down to play faultless badminton and win the second game at 15-7.

Results

Following were the results:
SENIOR SINGLES—F. Koh beat C. Au, 15-9, 15-10.
SENIOR DOUBLES—M. P. and Y. P. Yoong beat S. Amplavanar and C. K. Cheah, 15-10, 15-4.
JUNIOR SINGLES—Peter Lo beat R. M. Lavalle, 15-1, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES—P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro beat J. Odell and Miss J. Choa, 15-4, 15-2; P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva, 17-14, 15-7.

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's badminton Championship programme:

AT TAIKOO

Junior Singles
J. Odell v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).
P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale (8.45 p.m.).
D. Chelliah v W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

Junior Doubles

R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (9.30 p.m.).

DATE FOR LADIES HOCKEY SEVENS FIXED

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Women's Hockey Association was held yesterday.

It was decided that the Seven-a-Side Tournament be held on April 5 at 3 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground, if available, or on the Central British Association ground. No gate will be charged, but a collection will be made during the afternoon for the "S. C. M. Post" Bomber Fund.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Hong Kong Umpires Association asking for umpires for the afternoon.

As the local football season is nearing its conclusion, "Judge's" football problems and answers have now been discontinued. This feature will probably be continued at the commencement of next season.

MACAULAY'S ONLY TEST APPEARANCE

A soaked cricket shirt hanging over the rail of the players dressing-room veranda at Leeds. . . .

I saw it dripping wet as clearly as I heard the B. B. C. announcer ending Saturday night's nine o'clock news bulletin with the news that Pilot-Officer George G. Macaulay, the Yorkshire cricketer, had died on active service, writes L. V. Manning.

I also saw a vast, perspiring, shirt-sleeved crowd waving hats and newspapers and heard again the Yorkshire roar as a dark-haired, weary cricketer climbed the pavilion steps on his way back from the bravest rescue innings I remember in a Test—a bowler who had saved England from crushing defeat with his bat and was never asked to play again!

A Noble "Tail"

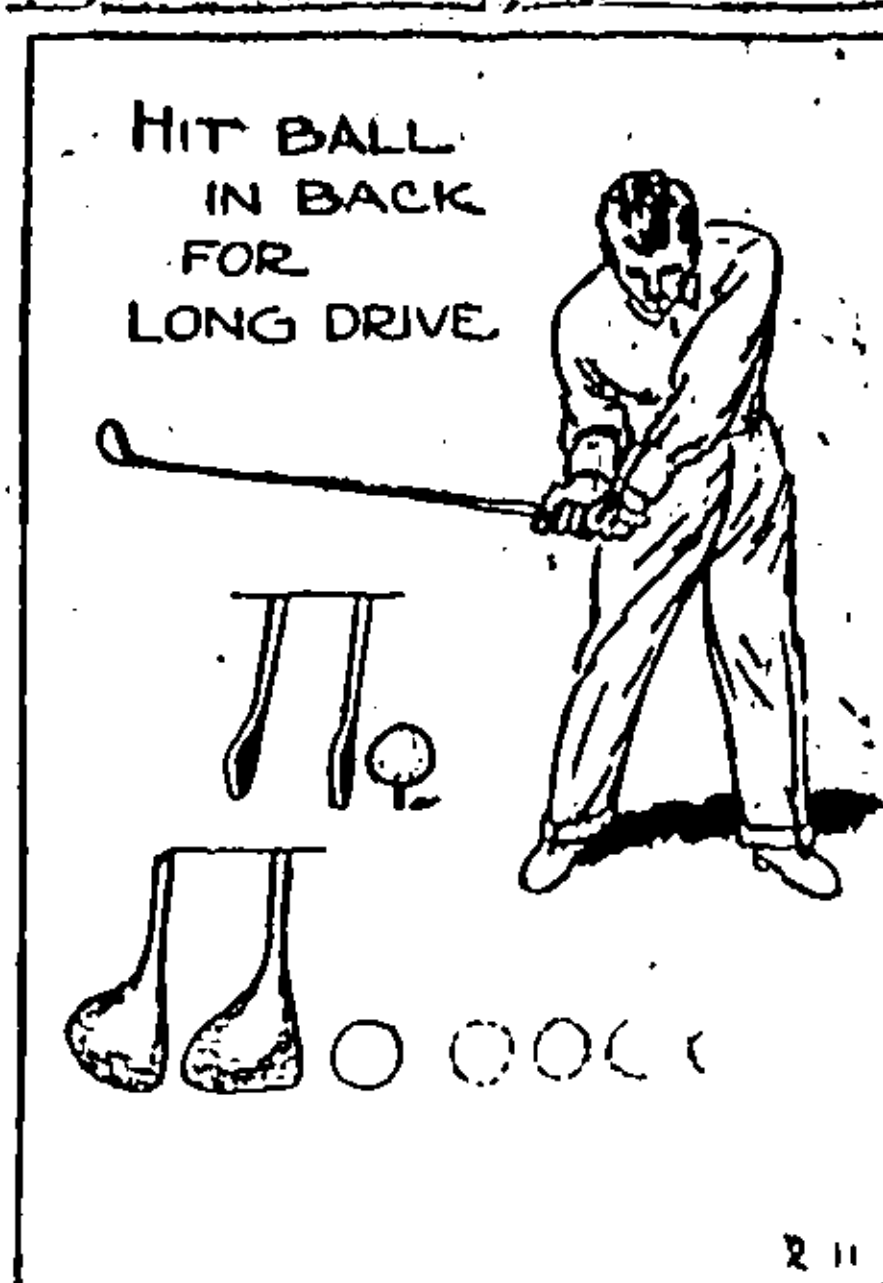
The bat and the shirt were George Macaulay's. The match the crazy heatwave Headingly Test of 1928, known to historians as Macartney's match—which is a gross injustice to the other "Mac." Never has there been such a noble tail wriggle by a humiliated England.

An epic ninth-wicket stand yielded 108 runs (Macaulay 76) and gave England her honourable draw.

First-And Last

It was the Yorkshireman's first Test match—and his last. Perhaps it was as well, for George never before or after touched such Olympian heights of pure batsmanship as England's sorry plight inspired that day.

GRAPHIC GOLF



DISTANCE IMPACT.

BY BEST BALL

The golfer who desires distance can follow no better procedure than hitting the ball straight in the back with a sweeping blow. This necessitates approaching the ball with the clubhead travelling close to the ground and parallel with it prior to impact. Hit square to the line in this fashion the ball will travel a low trajectory and have a considerable roll left when it finally comes to earth. Cyril Tolley used to gain considerable distance by contacting the ball slightly on the upswing which added a forward roll to the ball. However, for the rank and file of players the straight in-the-back method affords a more accurately struck ball. The loft of the club will make the ball rise.

For quick stopping shots, on the other hand, the player should hit down on the ball adding backspin. This reverse spin acts as a brake to the ball when it comes to earth, stopping the sphere within a comparatively short space of its landing spot.

Next Article:—The Putting Path.

It had in it something of Macartney's audacity, Bradman's machine-accuracy on the same wicket in 1930 and 1934, and Len Hutton's monumental Oval obstinacy in 1936.

And it was played on a rain-

CALIENTE STILL DEBATING REAL JOCKEY WINNER

Down at Caliente, in old Mexico, they're still thrashing out the 1940 jockey race, captured by Earl Dew with 287 winners, writes an American correspondent. Dew is a great favourite at the Tijuana track, and they resent the charge credited to his rival, Walter Lee Taylor, that the champion enjoyed an unfair advantage by riding in 10-race programmes south of the border.

Caliente sees no reason why its races shouldn't count, since they're conducted under authorisation of the Jockey Club of New York.

Caliente also points out that while Dew was enjoying this "unfair advantage," he was riding only one day a week at Caliente in the late spring, while Taylor was racing six days in the east. Officials say the little Idowan rode in about 100 less races than Taylor, had a much higher percentage of winners.

ruined wicket from which the top had been irretrievably destroyed by the heavy traffic of the Australian innings. I heard a 20 to 1 bet taken at the Griffin on an England defeat by a Yorkshireman who said: "That's forgotten oor George."

The Secret Recipe

Ken Farnes lost his job at a bank through running away to watch a Test match.

George Macaulay also deserted a safe bank job for a cricket career.

He had a 15-year innings and it would have been longer had he not declared it closed through the rheumatism from which he was a chronic sufferer until miraculously cured by a mysterious recipe sent him by an unknown woman.

Later, the story of that cure crept into a broadcast by Bertie Lawton, famous old Derbyshire cricketer, with astonishing results.

For days the B. B. C., Lawton, and Macaulay were bombarded with thousands of requests and even demands for the cure.

I am not sure whether "Mac" saw the financial possibilities of an unrehearsed situation, but if he didn't make a fortune out of marketing that recipe he certainly might have done.

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BRITISH NOTE TO YUGOSLAVIA

To Sign Pact With Axis Against Country's Wishes

ALTHOUGH INTIMATIONS FROM BELGRADE SUGGEST THAT THE GESTURE IS TOO LATE AND THAT YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SURRENDER TO GERMAN PRESSURE AGAINST THE VIGOROUSLY EXPRESSED POPULAR FEELING IN THE COUNTRY, THE BRITISH MINISTER IN BELGRADE, ON INSTRUCTIONS, YESTERDAY HANDED A NOTE TO THE YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT.

Pro-Nazi In Charge Of Radio

Reports reaching London from Belgrade state that the Board of Directors of the Belgrade Radio Station has been dissolved by order of the Government and a State Commissar installed.

He is stated to be M. Jovanovitch, formerly Chief Censor, and known for his Pro-German tendencies.

Recently, Belgrade Radio has been giving patriotic programmes which have stimulated the spirit of resistance of the public to the Government's policy of concessions to Germany. — Reuter.

Sir Ronald Campbell's instructions came from Mr. Anthony Eden in Cairo, and it is understood there that the British Note was in the nature of a last moment appeal — and a warning.

The Note states the British attitude once again in clear terms and appeals to the Yugoslav Government not to betray Yugoslavia's past in the face of rising public opinion.

British official circles in Cairo comment that the British Government has repeatedly made it clear that were Yugoslavia to follow the example of Rumania and Bulgaria, she would do herself mortal injury and that, in no circumstances, could they condone the signature of any agreement which would inevitably range Yugoslavia beside Germany and Italy.

It seems doubtful whether the Note will have any effect. It was freely predicted in well-informed quarters in Belgrade last night that the pact with the Axis would be signed

in Vienna to-day (Tuesday) and the Premier and Foreign Minister were expected to leave last night.

They were received by the Regent, Prince Paul, late on Sunday night, and the British Note was handed to the Government by Sir Ronald Campbell yesterday morning.

Vichy Report

According to the Vichy-controlled Lyons Radio, the pact which the Yugoslav Government has apparently agreed to sign will be similar to the Pacts with the other minor Axis Powers, with the exception of Paragraph Five dealing with the passage of German troops through the country. This, it is believed, is eliminated from the Yugoslavia documents of adherence.

The Greeks have had a comment to make on the developments.

Greek Protest

Referring to the report that Yugoslavia's pact agrees to the transport of war materials across Yugoslavian territory, the Greek Press Minister in a statement broadcast yesterday by Athens Radio declared:

"THE GREEK PEOPLE REFUSES TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVIAN PEOPLE COULD EVER ACCEPT A CONDITION SO HUMILIATING TO THEMSELVES OR SO INIMICAL TO GREECE."

Ministers Leave

Later. The Yugoslav Prime Minister, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, have left Belgrade for Germany, accompanied by van Herren, the German Minister, according to a Belgrade despatch to the German News Agency.

Many members of the Government, says the report, including the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Matchek, and the Hungarian and Italian Ministers, and members of the German Legation staff, were present at the station to see them off.

Public Left In Complete Ignorance

Dr. Matchek, Vice Prime Minister and Croat Leader, will be present at the signing of the Yugoslav-German Pact. He will leave for Vienna by air to-day.

The special train taking the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to Germany is most carefully guarded and precautions have been taken throughout the capital in case of demonstrations.

The Yugoslav public are still being kept in complete ignorance of the dramatic change in the situation.

Decisions have been taken entirely without their knowledge. — Reuter.

CIVIL WAR THREAT OVER YUGOSLAVIA

(Continued from Page 11) efforts made yesterday to cover up the constitutional crisis in Belgrade and the profound popular opposition to any concession to Nazi demands, of which it is the expression, in order to enable the Yugoslav Premier, Tsvetkovitch, and Foreign Minister, Cincar-Markovitch, to proceed to Vienna at Hitler's behest.

According to these messages, the Yugoslav delegates will travel overnight and Berlin is already heralding for this afternoon another well-staged "diplomatic" triumph.

Stop Gaps

In Belgrade, stop gaps have, with difficulty, been found to fill two of the Cabinet vacancies caused by the resignation of three Ministers who refused to acquiesce in any agreement giving the Germans opportunities of increased pressure against Yugoslav independence and strong influence has been brought to bear on the third to withdraw his resignation.

Agency reports suggest the authorities are taking strong measures to control any public manifestation of popular discontent with the Government's decision.

It is significant that among the measures announced is an order by the Minister of War confining the Army to barracks.

Fatal Turning

There is no reliable information on the character of the instrument to be signed in Vienna but even if, as is not impossible in view of the importance of appeasing national sentiment and the patriotic fervour of the great mass of Yugoslav people, its published forms

S'HAH BANK CLOSED

Reuters have been authorised to make the following statement: "The Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China announces that owing to damage caused by yesterday's bombing of the bank's premises, the offices of the Bank will be temporarily closed for repairs." — Reuter.

are found to fall short of full German requirements, the Yugoslav Government are in great danger of discovering that they have taken the fatal turning which leads in a short time to the humiliation and subjugation which one people after another have suffered since they have put themselves in the power of the Nazis.

The British Minister in Belgrade has not failed in this crisis to bring home to Prince Paul and his Ministers, without any equivocation, the dangers which they would court in signing any agreement with Germany.

Bulgarian Example

Undoubtedly among the results of any policy of weakness on part of their Government which the Yugoslav people would most bitterly resent would be the possible alienation of the feeling of the British people and the loss of contacts with Britain.

They have certainly taken to heart the example of Bulgaria, which has been declared an enemy-occupied territory. — British Wireless.

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